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## MEDICAL PERMITS TO MARRY

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THE FUTURE

A proposal that the marriage laws should be so amended as to make it obligatory for both parties to the proposed marriage to produce medical certificates of fitness when they come before a minister of religion or the civil authority, was discussed in the House of Lords recently.

Lord Kilmaise, who brought forward the motion, said that he had talked this matter over with medical men and had found that there was general agreement among them that some legislation of this kind was needed.

There were many cases of men and women who were leading unhappy spilt lives, through no fault of their own, owing to some hereditary taint or illness transmitted to them by their parents or ancestors.

He suggested that the certificates should be obtained upon medical authority and the fee for them should be as low as possible. Steps should be taken to see that the answers given were true.

He suggested that there should be four certificates:—

Certificate A would be the "all clear" certificate showing that the parties are perfectly fit to marry and raise families.

Certificate B would show that there was some reason of health that it is advisable that there should be delay and that the parties can present themselves again in three or four months' time. This certificate, said Lord Kilmaise, would be a most important provision in the case of suspected venereal disease.

Certificate C would show that the parties could marry without danger to each other, but when they are married it must be a childless marriage.

Certificate D would prohibit marriage altogether. This would be given in cases where it was considered that not only would there be a definite danger to the children, but to the two contracting parties themselves. Only in this case would marriage be absolutely prohibited.

### "DIFFICULT" PROPOSAL

As for Certificate C, Lord Kilmaise said: "I admit that this is the most difficult. People might say that it is arbitrary and immoral, but I hold very strongly it is a wicked and criminal thing to bring children into the world unless they have a reasonable prospect of their being able to lead healthy, happy, and useful lives. If that be agreed, then it must follow that some form of birth control must be employed."

Lord Kilmaise maintained that these certificates would be regarded by the parties concerned as necessary safeguards against much future unhappiness. A medical examination would only be necessary in the case of the party or parties to the proposed marriage suffering from venereal infection. In all other cases the parties would answer general questions about their general health and family history.

The Bishop of Norwich (Dr. Bertram Pollock) said that this matter presented far greater difficulties than Lord Kilmaise supposed. "I don't believe," he added, "that there are any short cuts to deal with this question. I do not believe that any isolated action can do any good."

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be forced upon the medical practitioner and the clergy if this scheme were adopted.

"How," he asked, "is the medical man to take upon himself the responsibility of saying, 'You must delay,' or 'You must be prepared to render yourself childless.' In his view the House should not give a lead on such a matter in view of the fact that the report of the Committee on Sterilisation was still under consideration."

### GOVERNMENT'S VIEW

Viscount Gage, replying for the Ministry of Health, said he believed that to some people with nervous temperaments a medical examination would be a severe deterrent to legalised marriage. "It might," he added, "tend to increase the number of illegitimate births."

"The Ministry of Health feel that there is sufficient evidence and experience extending over a large number of years to justify us in testing public opinion very thoroughly in regard to the reports of the Board of Control and the Committee on Sterilisation. That is what is happening now. The report on sterilisation has been circulated, and is being considered by large numbers of institutions and bodies interested in these matters."

"Beyond what we have done we cannot go, at any rate for the time being. We realise that there are undeniable evils in the present situation, some of which might be prevented, but we feel that in this very delicate matter it is absolutely necessary to carry the public with us at every step. We are quite convinced that to go along the lines suggested by Lord Kilmaise without a very large degree of public and medical support would be disastrous to the very cause which he has at heart."

The motion was withdrawn.

## TECHNIQUE OF AERIAL WAR

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(By Roger Fuller)

Diving bombing, the new technique in attack from the air, threatens soon to set a defence problem which will be almost impossible to solve.

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The significance of this new form of attack is not yet fully realised. It is barely a year ago since I took part in the first full-scale manoeuvre between the Air Force and the Navy, in which diving bombing attacks against the fleet proved an important phase; again, during the big R.A.F. manoeuvres last July, I took part in a series of diving bombing attacks.

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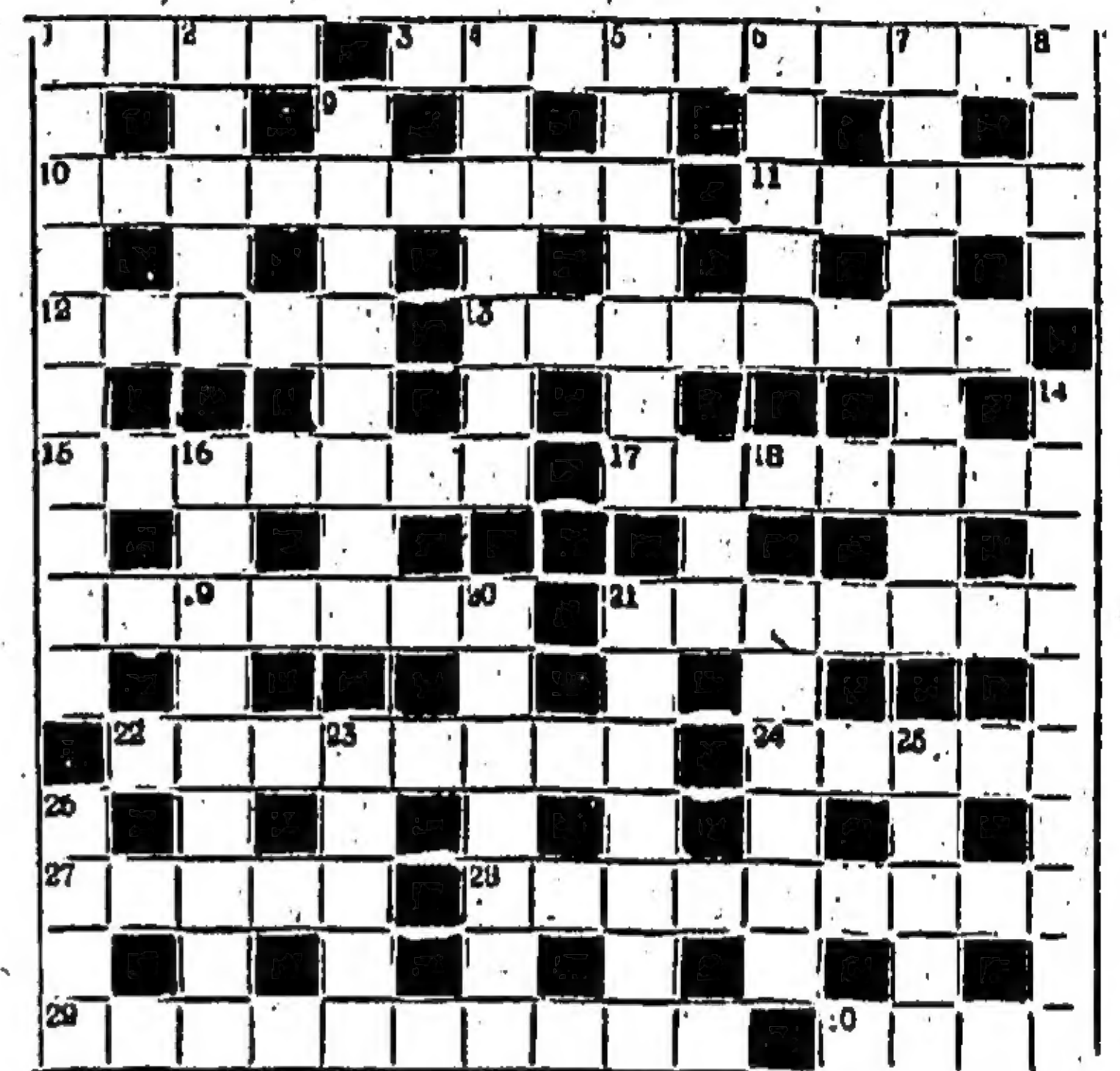
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  - A stable man, if not a man of stability—(rev.).
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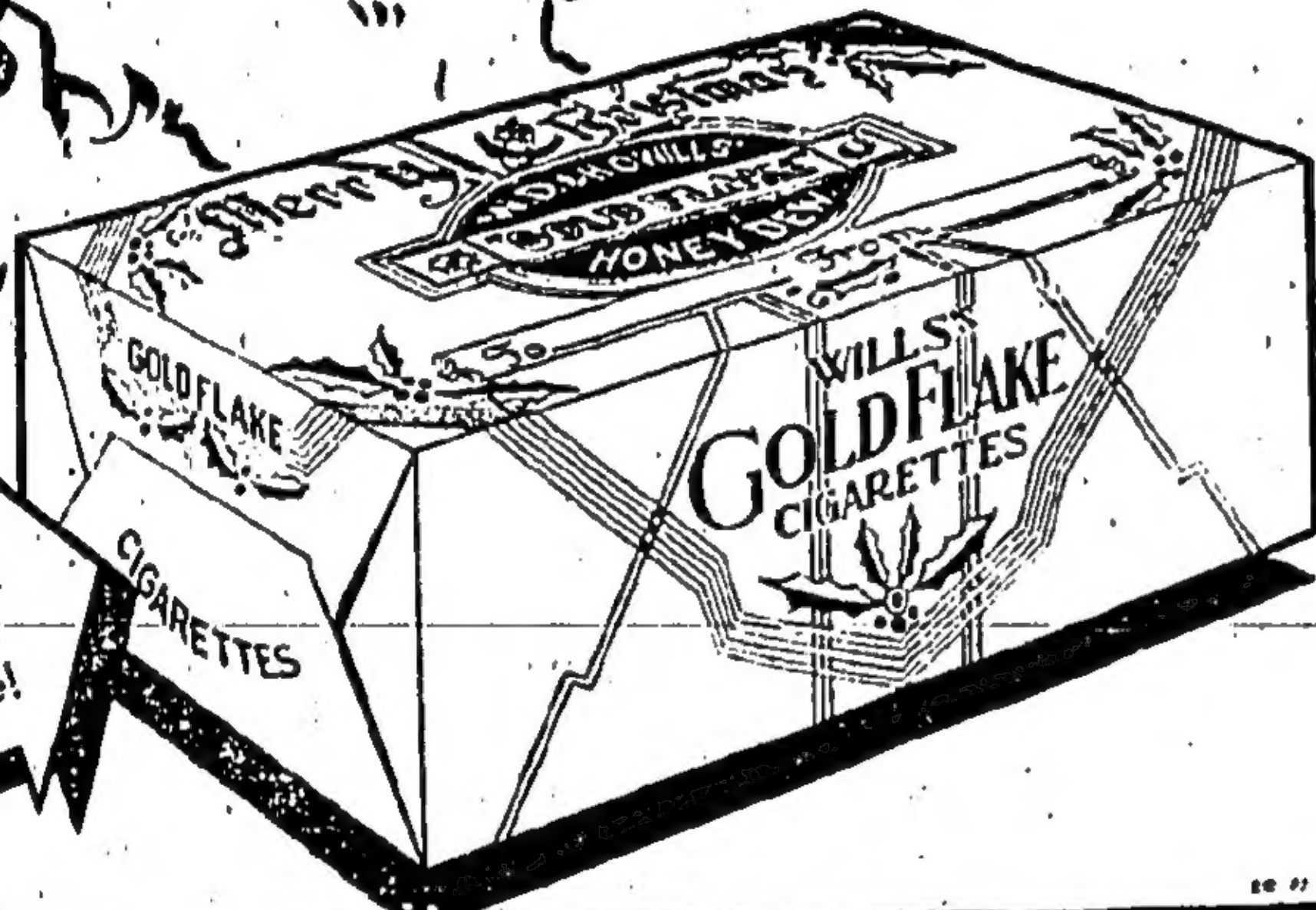
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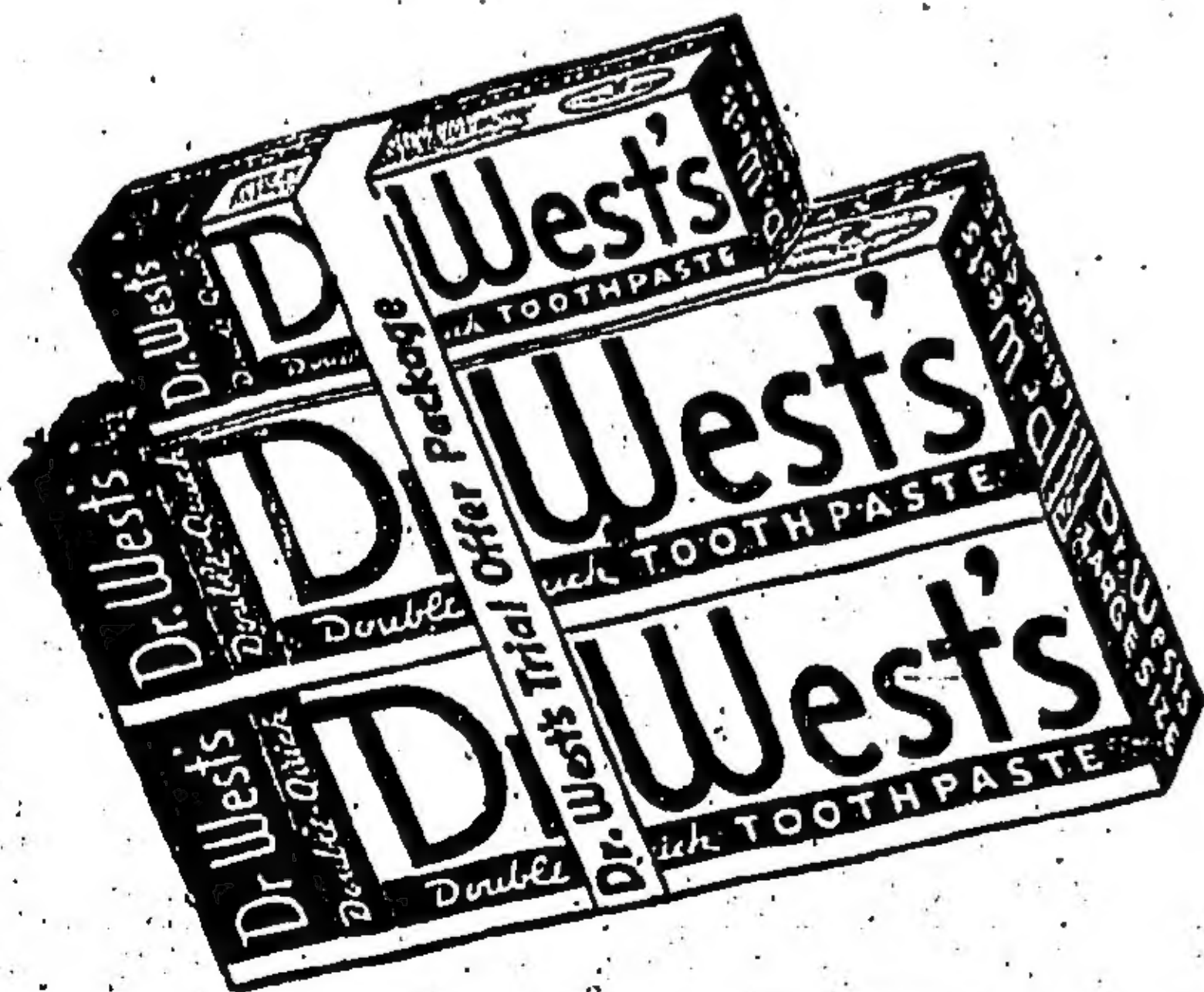
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## SUICIDE VERDICT

### MELANCHOLIC POEMS AT SERGT. BAKER'S INQUEST

The facts that he was financially embarrassed and had borrowed money from an Indian money-lender were disclosed yesterday at the resumed inquest on Lance Sergeant L. V. Baker, who died from the effects of a gunshot wound in the head on the night of November 5 in his quarters at the Central Police Station. Poems amongst his personal effects were also found, bordering on the melancholy.

A witness, Lance Sergeant H. G. Baker, yesterday told the Coroner (Mr. Schofield) he saw L. V. Baker at 11.20 that night at a moment when they were entering the compound of the Central Police Station, and L. V. Baker had then appeared to him to be normal.

Twenty minutes later, witness was informed by Inspector Mist, the officer on duty at the Station, that Baker had shot himself. Witness entered the room and found L. V. Baker lying across his bed, with his head resting on a camphor wood box and blood spurting from his mouth.

Lance Sergeant Soutar, a personal friend of Baker, said that in May of last year Baker went to him and produced a letter from a firm of solicitors requesting payment of a sum of \$750 which Baker had borrowed from an Indian money-lender. Baker asked witness if he could help him in the matter, and witness agreeing, gave him \$900 which Baker said would cover his debts up to that date. Baker agreed to pay witness by monthly instalments, and up to October of that year refunded a total of \$350, after which he stopped.

The Coroner: Any reason you can suggest for his stopping further payment?

Witness: No. I never pressed, but left it entirely to him.

Witness saw Baker only four times since that date.

Poems Found  
Crown Sgt. D. E. Macdonald, in charge of the Upper Levels Police Station, gave evidence that Baker's hours of duty, and stated that Baker was in good spirits when he last saw him.

Sergeant C. H. Goodwin, who had charge of the inquiries, deposed to finding the body. At the public mortuary he searched the body and found 30 cents in money and a metal wrist watch which Baker had been wearing. Witness found the revolver lanyard in the right trousers pocket and the revolver holster on his belt.

On November 6, witness searched Baker's personal effects but found no money except for 60 cents Singapore money; also a bill of the Asia Provisions Company, 63-65, Des Voeux Road Centre, for \$384.10 for goods supplied monthly from February to August, 1934, inclusive, while the deceased was at Tai O Station. The bill was the accumulation of seven months' bills. Witness made other enquiries and found Baker's debts amounted to \$1,200.

Amongst Baker's personal effects were a number of poems, written and type-written, all bordering on the melancholy.

Temperamental  
As far as the witness knew, Baker was temperamental. At times he was highly elated and at times he would hardly speak. He was very fond of dancing and frequented the dancing academies.

Asked by the Coroner if there were any other important debts, Sgt. Goodwin replied that Baker had a debt of \$175 owing to the No. 1 Boy at the Yaumatei Police Station. In September last year he borrowed in all \$250 from the boy. At the end of September this year he paid back \$25 and a further \$50 at the end of October, leaving a balance of \$175. Many of the letters found were written but not sent.

Summing up, his Worship said that the evidence, and medical and circumstances, pointed clearly to suicide. The evidence of the two Chinese dancing partners was important, as one had stated the deceased announced his intention to shoot himself and the other had testified he was too drunk to dance properly.

Too much drink, continued the Coroner, may have had the effect of Baker losing control over the melancholy tendency of his mind.

The Jury (comprising Mr. R. V. Dodd, foreman, Mr. A. R. Tavares and Mr. Shing Fu-lam) returned a verdict that Baker shot himself while of unbalanced mind.

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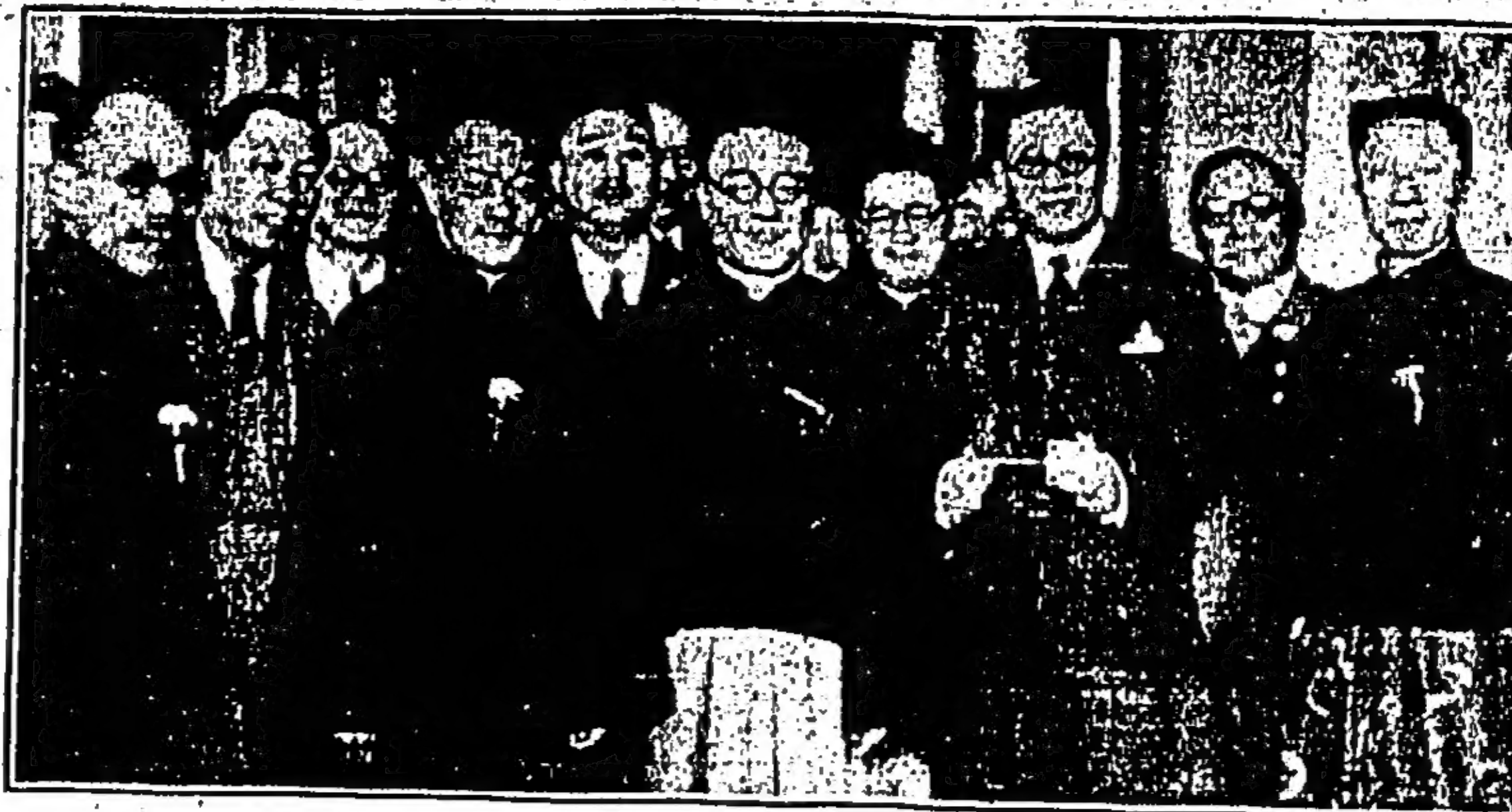
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## UNITED CHINA

### CONCLUSION OF 5TH PLENARY CONGRESS

Shanghai, Dec. 17.  
At the conclusion of the Fifth Kuomintang Plenary Congress, which decided to postpone the Fifth National Congress to November 12, 1935, a large number of overseas Kuomintang Committee members are leaving Nanking.

Little change of the posts is expected. From well informed circles it is understood that Mr. Sun Fo will continue his work in the Legislative Yuan, which will elect new members for its Council departments sometime in January. Many of the present members, mostly close associates of Mr. Sun Fo, are expected to be re-elected.

### Going to Nanking?

Nanking, Dec. 18.  
Making a strong appeal for peace and unity, in the course of a speech at the Central party headquarters this morning, Mr. Sun Fo described the outcome of his recent mission to the South.

He said that the mission had been completely satisfactory, and disclosed that Mr. Hu Han-min was willing to come North to meet the Central Government leaders. — *Reuter.*

## OBITUARY

### FORMER CANTON CHIEF JUSTICE PASSES

Mr. Lo Wen-chong, the former Chief Justice of the Canton Higher Court, passed away at his Tungshan residence in Canton last Thursday.

A highly respected member of the Canton government, the late Mr. Lo Wen-chong was Chief Justice in Canton both under the administration of Marshall Li Chai-sun and General Chan Chai-tong. He was responsible for the prison and other judicial reforms introduced in Kwangtung during the past few years. He resigned his posts some months ago on account of ill health and was succeeded by Mr. Tsia Ying-chow.

The late Mr. Lo Wen-chong removed recently from his residence in Honan to recuperate in the more quiet surroundings of Tungshan. His demise will be mourned by his large circle of political associates in the Kwangtung and Kwangsi Governments. He was fifty-six years old and a native of Panyu district, Kwangtung.

The late Mr. Lo Wen-chong is the younger brother of Mr. Lo Shui-po, wealthy Hongkong merchant and compradore of Heuter, Brockmann and Company, and

## EXECUTIVE YUAN

### SUN FO AND MEMBERS TO RESUME DUTIES

Nanking, Dec. 17.  
Mr. Sun Fo, President of the Executive Yuan, whose term of tenure, together with that of the other members of the Yuan, has expired, has signified his intention of accepting reappointment for another term.

Except for a few changes, all the members of the Yuan will be also reappointed, in consideration of their successful services in the previous term. — *Central News Agency.*

former invoice officer of the Nanking government in Hongkong, and the elder brother of Mr. Lo Wen-kan, former Chief Justice of the Peking Supreme Court, Minister of Justice and Minister for Foreign Affairs. Mr. Lo Wen-kan returned to Canton only very lately after his resignation of all Nanking posts and is now a Canton resident.

Mr. Lo Wen-chong is survived by nine sons, four daughters, and many nephews, including Mr. Lo Ming-yau, the Managing Director of the United Photoplay Service Limited, the local motion picture manufacturing company.

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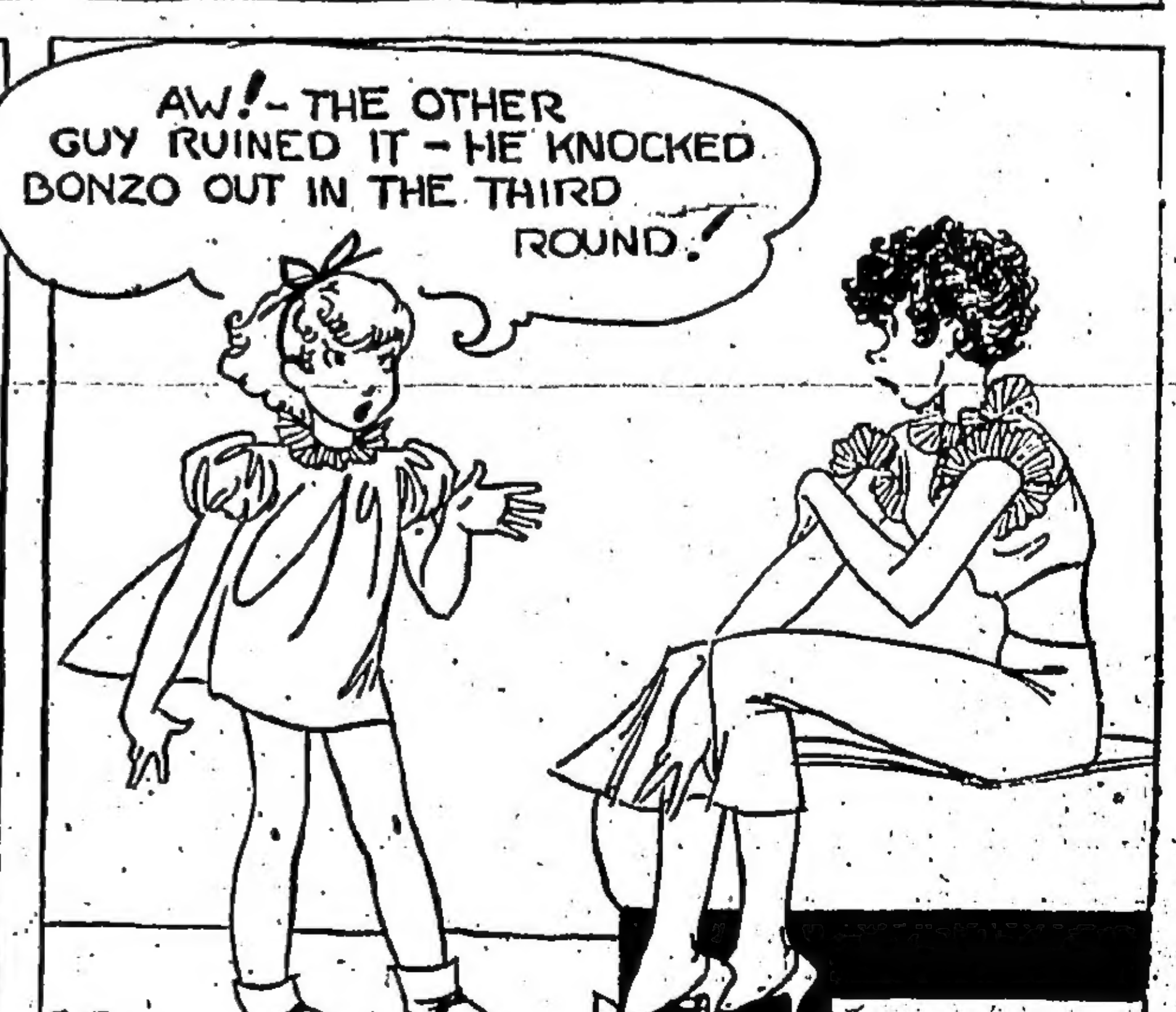
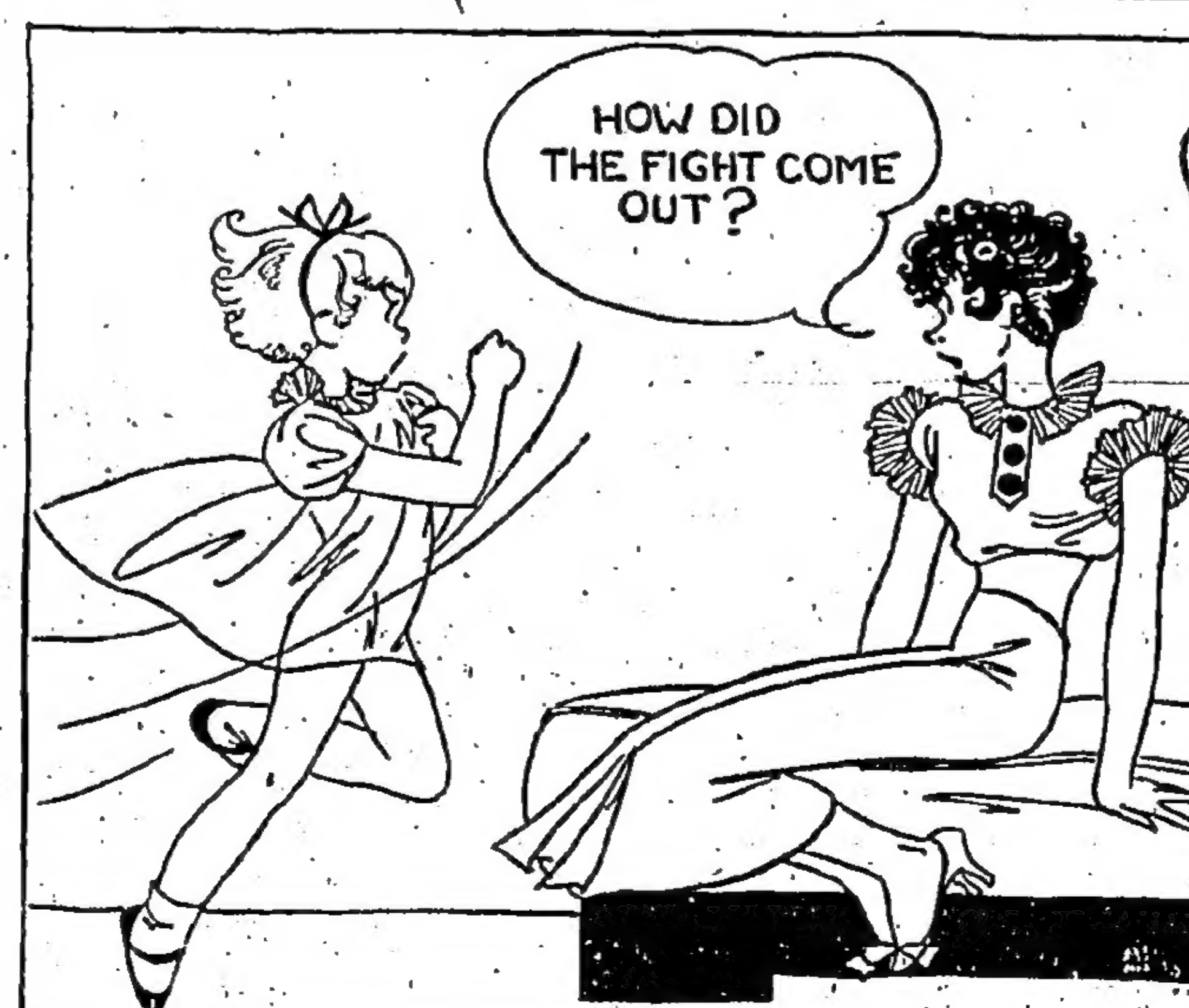
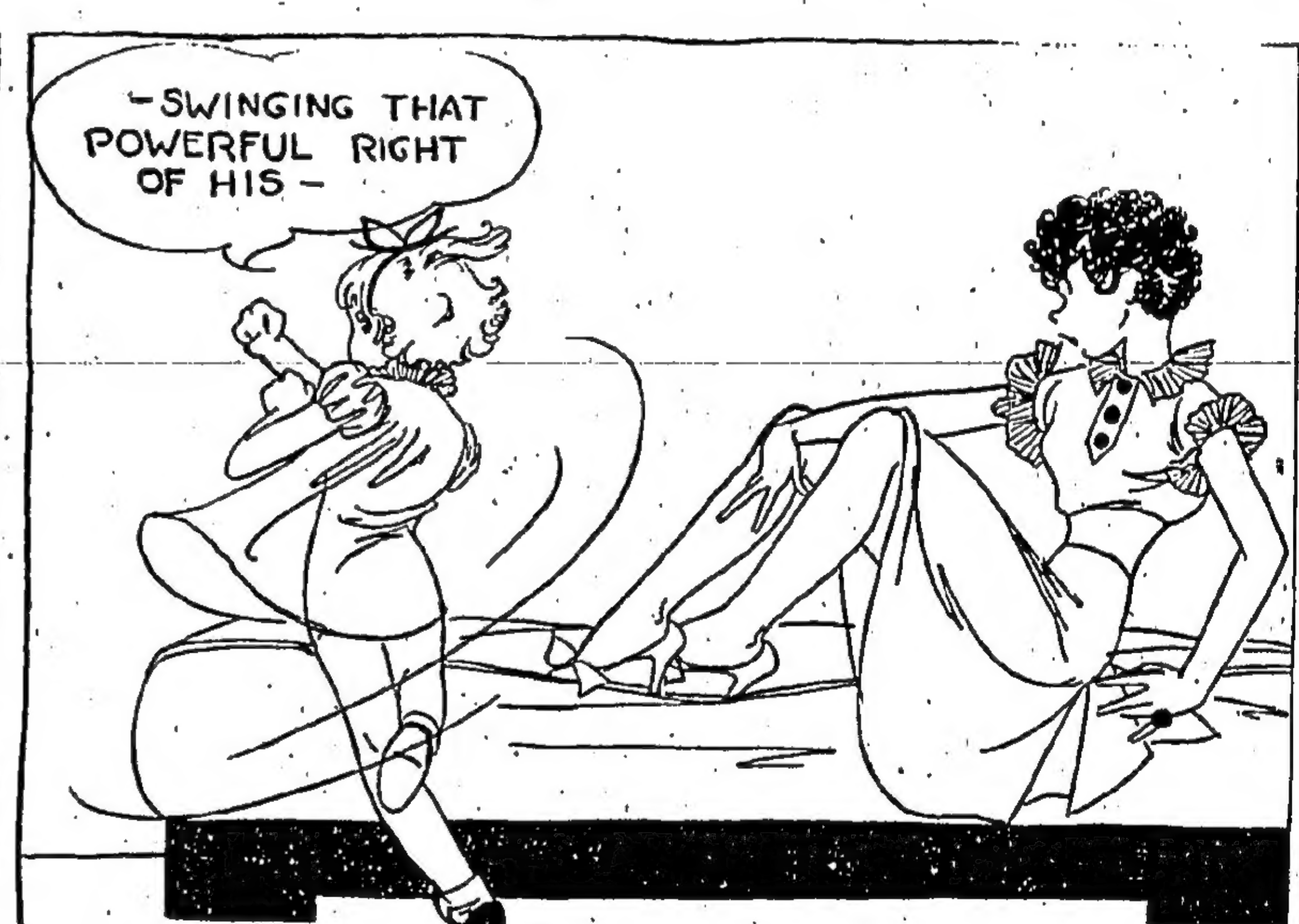
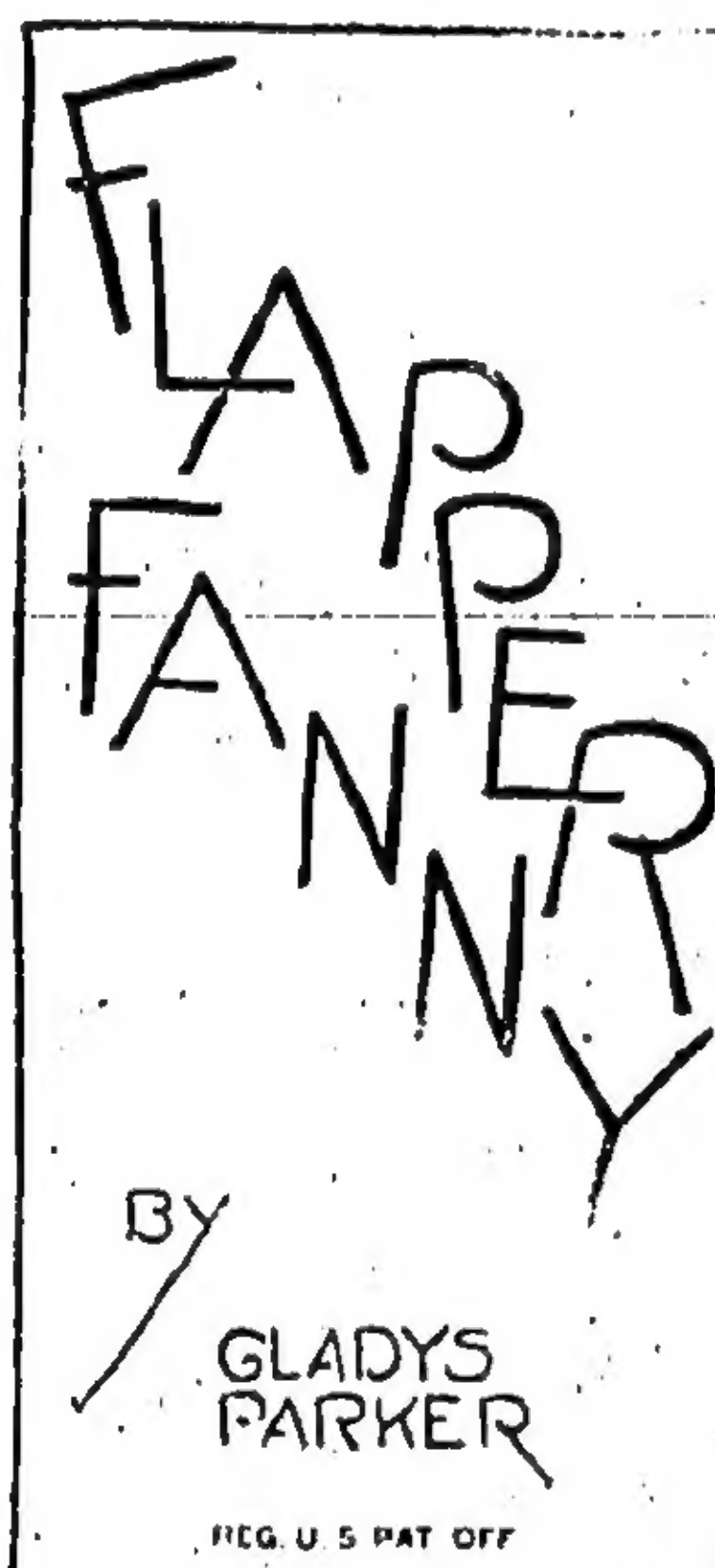
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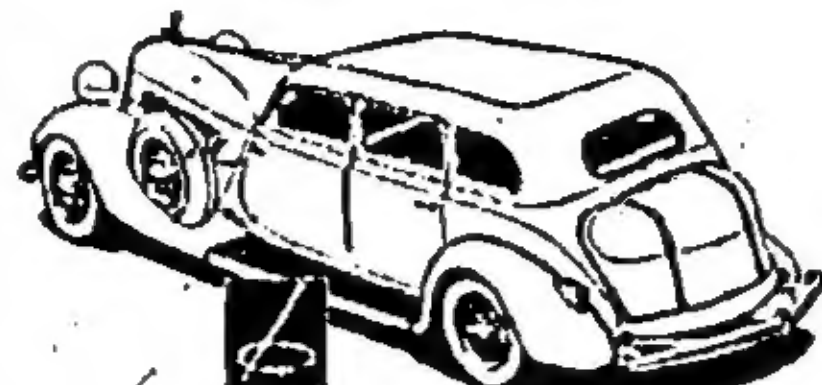
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TUESDAY, DEC. 18, 1934.

**THE EDUCATION  
INQUIRY**

Hongkong's educational system is shortly to be overhauled by an expert who is being sent out from Home for the express purpose. The official communiqué on the subject states that the examination is to be made "with a view to determining the organisation best calculated to secure, with due regard to local conditions, the advantage of maintaining a forward policy in the schools, embodying the latest improvements in school organisation, methods of teaching, etc." It is not indicated whether the idea of undertaking such an investigation originated with the Hongkong Government, or whether the initiative in the matter came from Home. Be that as it may, all who have the Colony's educational interests at heart will welcome Mr. Burney's visit, in the hope that the recommendations which he eventually makes will indicate the best and most fruitful directions along which reform should be undertaken. There is fairly general agreement that the Colony's educational system, such as it is, is largely of the patchwork type. As the number of schools and the variety of type have increased, so has the educational outlook undergone change from time to time, and, as a consequence, the system has not been operated in pursuance of very definite and well-planned objectives. There has, however, been some evidence in latter years of a heightening of ideals and of a desire to evolve a co-ordinated plan. In the large, there can be no questioning the point that considerable advance has been registered within the past decade, but there still remains a marked diversity of viewpoint in regard to future trends. We have seen this latter point illustrated in the utterances by head masters at the annual prize-giving ceremonies in connection with local schools, at which varied views have been apparent concerning the curricula both of elementary and secondary institutions. The advantage of bringing in an expert from outside is that he will be able to approach the whole problem from a disinterested and unbiased standpoint, although he will naturally have to rely for guidance in some

**NOTES OF THE DAY  
FREEDOM OF THE SEA**

Reports from Washington intimate that the United States is about to revise her traditional policies respecting the rights of her merchant shipping in the event of a foreign war occurring. It would seem that the United States appreciates the risk entailed in asserting the rights of neutral shipping to "freedom of the seas" even in the event of its attempting to break a war-time blockade. If America adopts the principle that her ship masters must accept the risks of such an attempt, and refuses to intervene if they are arrested in blockaded waters, a long step towards security will have been taken. Further, it would be reasonable for Americans to expect that Great Britain, and other major sea powers, should take similar action to preclude the possibility of an offence against neutrality in any future war. In all probability a convention would be the outcome of a change of America's policy in this direction, and nations would agree that a blockade by any belligerent should be respected. There is no question that unless an agreement of this description is reached a risk of misunderstanding between Great Britain and America have clashed over this very matter in the past, and it is not inconceivable that they might find themselves embroiled in the future unless the obvious remedy is introduced. But it is not enough that America should alter her views in connection with this "freedom of the seas;" it is necessary that every nation follow set rules of neutrality.

**A SUPPOSITION**

That there should be no confusion in the matter, let us consider a situation such as this: Great Britain is involved in war with a Continental power. She is fighting a desperate war in the air and, because of the superiority of her navy, has thrown a blockade around her enemy's seaports. An American vessel attempts to enter one of these ports and is seized, and her master immediately complains to his Government that Great Britain has failed to respect the neutrality of his flag. Or suppose the American vessel attempted to run from patrols and was sunk. If the United States Government insisted upon the rights of such vessels to immunity from search or seizure, the act of the blockading vessels might be considered an act of war; or the British Government might take the view that the American Government condoned a breach of neutrality. Complications might lead to severely strained relations.

**OLD AGREEMENT**

By the Declaration of London (1909) most of the Great Powers ratified an agreement dealing with questions of contraband, blockade, the sinking of neutral prizes and the transfer of enemy ships to a neutral flag. British ratification was violently opposed, critics arguing that the measure was framed solely with an eye to British interests as neutrals, and that Britain's real interest as the chief sea power was as a belligerent, and that the Declaration weakened British belligerent rights. The Government postponed the whole question at that date but in 1914 an Order-in-Council put into operation the provisions of the Declaration, with certain modifications. However, the problem remained unsettled. There were very obvious dangers and a common international policy was apparently beyond reach. After the War, when the new naval treaties were being drawn up, America demanded sea strength equal to that of England in order that she could, at all times, defend her principle of "freedom of the seas." Until today this has been the major difference in policy between these two Powers, and an agreement is most necessary. When it is achieved it may simplify, to some extent, the naval armament difficulties, and it most certainly will bring about a happier relationship between all nations.

respects on local considerations to which regard will have to be paid. Education has been well described by Herbert Spencer as "a preparation for complete living." That is, or should be, the aim of all educationists. It is when we come to consider the form which that preparation should take that we encounter varying schools of thought. The problem, so far as Hongkong is concerned, is not unduly complex, although it has its peculiar angles. If, as the terms of the official announcement implies, the whole field is thoroughly explored, we may reasonably hope to see the lines of progress laid down for many years to come. Once the goal is clearly defined, the ways and means of reaching it should present no insuperable obstacles.

**BRITAIN'S TOLL OF  
YOUNG MOTHERS**

ALL of us, men and women alike, are becoming softer as a result of civilisation. Our resistance to pain is probably less than that of our ancestors, and there is a general demand that pain of all kinds should be avoided so far as is compatible with the safety of the individual. Women in general are less able in this age to withstand prolonged and exhausting pain. The highly strung temperament of the modern young woman is not that of her Elizabethan counterpart. This fact has an important bearing on maternity. The distressing toll of life among young mothers to-day is providing a problem of pressing concern for the public, statesmen, and the medical profession. We have to face the unpleasant fact that maternal mortality is showing an increased ratio in Britain—in fact, the figures recently provided by the Ministry of Health reveal that the rate to-day is higher than at any period in the last twenty years. Five mothers, it is stated, perish for every thousand babies born. The position is all the more extraordinary in view of the fact that recent years have seen a steady expansion in the science of obstetrics and the provisions for its application. Yet this appears to have been of no avail. The disappointment contrasts vividly with the striking progress made in other fields; for example, infant mortality has been reduced to an enormous extent.

The seriousness of the position was recently emphasised by Mr. Baldwin, who, as spokesman for the Government, stated that money would be found to attack this problem. The Ministry of Health has shown alertness by authorising an exhaustive inquiry into conditions of maternity welfare in those districts which revealed in the latest report an excessively high mortality ratio. For all this, there is a feeling among the medical profession that the roots of the problem are not being sought with sufficient vigour; that the attack has been and is being too faint-hearted; that there is need for a ruthlessly clear presentation of facts. In Great Britain there are 1,800 municipal ante-natal clinics. What benefit, it will be asked, are these clinics to the health of motherhood? The answer is: of inestimable value. One of the clearest advances in obstetric thought has been the indisputable realisation of the significance of ante-natal practice; the health of the prospective mother must be periodically assessed. In this way abnormality is detected, and arrangements for its skilful treatment are made. It is well recognised that there are insufficient clinics of this type available; further, that those that do exist are not co-ordinated as they should be. To be of proper assistance each clinic must have contact through local health visitors with the homes of the prospective mothers, and where home conditions are not suitable the principal medical officer, in charge must be

able to provide the individual with a bed in a hospital or nursing home where she will receive the best of attention, and to supervise, should this prove desirable, the actual confinement.

The failure to integrate the activities which centre round these clinics is one of the outstanding defects in the present system. Another distressing fact to be faced is the appalling shortage in some parts of the country of maternity beds. It is almost unbelievable that in quite a number of large towns the principal hospital makes no provision for obstetrical cases. Moreover, there is attached to the staff of many of these hospitals no medical man who is specially skilled in obstetrics. This state of affairs must be remedied; every large hospital should be equipped with a proper obstetric unit, conducted and laid out to meet modern requirements. Until this service is made available there seems but little hope of reducing the excessively high death rates in what have been termed "the black spots of England."

Much discussion is being devoted to the question of painless childbirth. Mothers to-day are growing increasingly impatient of the trials of childbirth; that it should be curtailed and made as rapid and as free from pain as possible is a growingly insistent demand. There is grave doubt among the minds of those best competent to express opinion whether this movement is, as practised to-day, wholly desirable. There is little doubt that in many cases anaesthesia is not the best thing for the mother, for it weakens natural powers. The general public must realise the importance of the fact that the more naturally, within reasonable limits,

a mother has her baby, the safer motherhood will become. The question of under-nutrition has been blamed outspokenly for the increase in maternal mortality. There is, however, no strong scientific substantiation for this view; in fact, a recent survey from this angle revealed, as regards the London area, that the mortality was definitely higher among mothers from well-to-do districts. The importance of a proper dietary for the expectant mother is, of course, undeniable; but it is doubtful whether the question of severe malnutrition has any material bearing on the problem as it exists in this country. Can the athletic type of womanhood be blamed as a contributory factor? This point is often put to doctors. I can say that there is absolutely no foundation for the view that a healthily developed muscular body is any other than a most definite asset to the young mother. The problem is not hopeless. There are statistics available to show that in hospitals and localities where maternity service has been organised and practised along the best lines, maternal mortality has been reduced almost to vanishing point in this country.



"Now that takes care of all our forty-contin-a-dozen friends."

**The Very Idea!****DUMB-BELLES LETTRES**

by Juliet Lowell

C. S. Hammond & Co.,  
360 Furman Street,  
Brooklyn, N.Y.  
Gentlemen:

Among the concerns listed on your circular as users of the Hammond World Atlas there are some banks which closed, to these many moons, but I suppose the presidents use the Atlas to select a country to escape to.

Yours very truly,  
Herbert Mapp.  
(signed).

**He Pants For Paint.**

Detroit, Michigan.  
Tropical Paint & Oil Company,  
Cleveland Ohio.  
Gentlemen:

I want it paint for mine pungolo cray or creen I want. Bofor it was blue. Can I put it cray or creen on top the blue what was pefor? Your post priso ples on sick callons.

Yours,  
(Signed) Paavo Gaavotto.

**A Bird Child**

Berkeley, California,  
June 14, 1932.  
San Diego California Club,  
San Diego, California

Dear Sirs:  
I've heard that you were going to kill off the mimah birds that live in your fair city. I want to adopt one, give it a gorgeous life, treat it like a child—just you see. Stanton Corper.  
(signed).

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Jack Berger,  
Station WOL,  
Newark, New Jersey.  
Dear Jack Berger:

Do you remember me. I was at the Hotel Astor on New Year's Eve. Of course, I acted like a fool. After I drank those highballs I tried to play the tuba in your orchestra and I took your violin and didn't want to give it back. Next New Year's Eve, I'm coming to the Astor again and just you see if I don't behave better. Lucille Mutt.  
(signed).



I tried to play the tuba in your orchestra.

**Mayor's Remarks**

The remark of the Mayor of Walsall: "I am afraid the public will be competing for arrest by her," on the appointment of a pretty twenty-four-year-old policeman, reminds us that many people believe that policemen are sirens who lead men to destruction.

"We shall never forget a strange encounter in Piccadilly-circus with one of these dazzling girls in blue. It was a foggy November night, and she lumbered out of the mist like a great ship feeling her way to port. We met in a head-on collision."

Blinded by her beauty and slightly stunned by the impact, we could say nothing for a moment. But a white-hot passion mastered us, and there and then, haltingly but sincerely, we blurted out those three little words which have thrilled women since the world began.

"We love you," we said simply. She grasped her belt in both hands, drew her shoulders back, and bent her knees slightly. "Don't say 'This is so sudden,' we cried. 'Love is like that; sudden, impulsive, unreasoning. Let us hope that our love will be returned one day. Give us the right to hold your hand, to count your buttons.'"

"I shall arrest you if you are not careful," she said.

"We ask for nothing better. Arrest me, handcuff me to holy matrimony, keep us in custody for life."

"Move along, please," she said. "Ah, cruel, cruel temptress! Heartless Circe of the Circus! Must we move along life's way alone when we have glimpsed paradise and dreamed of union with a goddess in poloshes?"

Before a friend dragged us away we snatched at her whistle and blew it madly. Of course, we were unstrung; but was it the echo of those shrill blasts or the mocking laughter of a siren that filled our ears as we staggered, protesting, through the gloom?



## SLAVE OR KING?

Dr. Allen's Last Sermon  
In Hongkong

Rev. Dr. E. L. Allen, of Kowloon Union Church, is leaving Hongkong this week, having resigned his ministry because he finds that the limitations set by a pastoral office conflict with his ideas of service. On Sunday he preached his last sermon to his Kowloon flock, taking as his caption the query "Slave or King?"

"Life is an affair of choices," said Dr. Allen. "Yet that statement has to be qualified in the sense that perhaps the most decisive of our choices are arrived at unconsciously, so that their full import is not clear to us at the time. We know that a critical point has been reached in the training of a child when he has learned to choose, when, that is, he knows that alternative possibilities of conduct are before him, each carrying with it its own set of consequences, and that, if he selects one of these, he must accept consequences with it. Literature and the stories which circulate among the people make use of the name motif, the hero is chosen to choose between 'one crowded hour of glorious life' and 'an age without a name.' And the issues of life can be best expressed as they are cast into the form of a disjunction, 'Either this or that.' If, for example, someone were to walk into this church this morning and offer you fetters or a crown, which would you take?"

"Is not that precisely the choice which is being set before us by each event in our lives? God says to a man, 'Will you live in this world a slave or a king? Servitude or dominion, which is to be your self-appointed destiny?'"

## Bound Who Should Reign

"In F. W. H. Myers' 'St. Paul,' there is a single striking line which describes how the motley crowd outside a Mediterranean city gathered to hear him must have appeared to the Apostle. Rich and poor, young and old, they throng about him, Jew and Greek and Roman, merchant and soldier and priest; but in his eyes their condition is one, they are 'bound who should reign, and slaves who should be kings.' Is it perhaps so that our humanity appears to God? We, too, it may be, are 'bound who should reign, and slaves who should be kings.' The saddest thing in life is not what a man once was which he is no longer. There is something in him, however, that it is what a man might be, but does not wish to become. For the slavery of which I am speaking is an inward and spiritual thing. It depends on the quality of our inner life whether we grind at the mill with slaves, or sit as masters of circumstances and ourselves.

"One of the great passages of literature describes the great society of the ancient world as appeared to a man of exceptional insight, whom that society had produced. The Athenian democracy in its palmy days was rich, cultured, and powerful. It was victorious in war and prosperous in trade. Moreover, it carried the principle of equality to such lengths that it even chose some of its officials by lot! How does Plato describe that democracy? It is like a dark, underground cave in which men sit, so heavily manacled that they cannot turn their heads round to the lights all day long they sit there, watching the play of flickering shadows on the wall of the cave, disputing about these, struggling for possession of them. Worse than that, if now and again a man breaks loose from his chains and wins out into the open sunlight where he may see things as they are, if then he comes back to tell what he has seen, the others mock him and take up stones to drive him from them, so sure are they that this cave, these chains, and those shadows on the wall are evidences of their freedom! For just as it is a fairly sure sign of intoxication that a man is convinced that he is perfectly sober, while everyone else in the room is drunk, so slavery can do nothing worse for us than persuade us to believe that it is freedom!

## Circumstances and Systems

"What that slavery consists of, I do not propose to ask now. Suffice it for the present to say that our servitude is always to something within ourselves.

The fault, dear Brutus, is not in our stars, but in ourselves, that we are underlings.

"I say 'ourselves' advisedly, for we must be careful how we apply this to other people. He is without sympathy who does not bring forward the plea of extenuating circumstances on behalf of his neighbour, but he is without honesty who urges that plea in his own defence.

"Circumstances and systems have power over us only in so far as we serve them in fear. They are like the ghosts on a country road by night which paralyse us with fear till we walk boldly up to them, and discover that they are only the lime-washed trunks of trees! It is said that Chang Tso-lin, when he left his yamen some time, would order every street through which he had to pass to be cleared hours beforehand, and that when the time came, he used to ride through the empty streets in a closed car, with soldiers on the footboard, their fingers on the triggers of their rifles! That man had absolute power, he had vast possibilities of enrichment, but he was a cringing slave of his own terrors. There is scarcely a better motto to take for life than the one which General Smuts offers us, 'Fear and be slain; Believe and live.'

"Once again the clouds of fear are lowering over the earth; once again the dark gods of fear, worshipped with human sacrifices, set up their altars in men's hearts. Let us send out



Honour was paid Mr. E. S. Wilkinson of Shanghai when he was presented with a silver tray as a token of appreciation of the work he has done for men of His Majesty's Navy. The above photograph shows Admiral Dreyer, making the presentation and an informal photo of Admiral Dreyer, Mr. Wilkinson and Mrs. Wilkinson chatting on the quarter-deck of H.M.S. Kent.

through the world the message of emancipation, the message that by the grace of God, kingship and a throne are the birth-right of every man!

## A System of Fear

"The French Revolution made republicanism a political fashion, and the War did very effective propaganda on its behalf. But republicanism in many countries is a negative rather than a positive creed, based less on faith in the common man than on disgust with absolute rule. As such, it is but a system of fear, organised by those who want to guard themselves against any strong claimant to power. So they make a constitution, and write as its first article, 'Henceforth, for the general safety, let no man dare to be royal.' But the truth which sets men free, the truth which was proclaimed among the Galilean hills, says rather, 'Henceforth, in God's name, let no man dare to be less than royal!'"

"I had occasion not long ago to read a little book, dating presumably from about the end of the first century, which gave the Jewish practice and legislation on the subject of Sabbath observance. It entered into such details as to what might and what might not be done that it made very weary reading for one who was not a Jew. In one chapter a saving clause of rather curious character had been introduced. It was to the effect that these regulations did not apply to kings; so they were free, smiled when I read that; it was the old, old business of a privileged class. And so it was. But one day a Rabbi of large and generous heart was reading that chapter, and when he came to this sentence, he dipped his pen in ink and wrote his comment, 'But all Israelites are king's sons.' You see what he was doing when he wrote that sentence. He was breaking the fetters, obliterating the shadows on the cave-wall, and leading the prisoners out into the open day, where they could meet with God. After that, all that was wanting was the proclamation of a yet wider royalty, which overlaps all boundaries of race and nation, colour and creed. In the republic of the spirit there is no one who is not a king; if it was true that the private soldier in Napoleon's army carried a marshal's baton in his hand, it is still more true that everyone who marches in the ranks of humanity has a crown in his inmost soul.

## Out of Servitude

"As servitude is by submitting to something in ourselves so low and unlovely that we are ashamed of it, so dominion is by the rule of something in us so high that we do not dare to speak of it as our own. It possesses us, we do not possess it. At the core of each man's being is what can make him strong, conquering, and immortal, for it is the Divine Life and Light itself. You are no mere vessel of clay; that vessel bears a spiritual fire. Of all the stories of the making of man, the noblest and, we trust, the truest, is that which tells how God made him out of the dust of the earth, and breathed into his nostrils His own breath. To set on the throne of one's being what one knows was created to be there, 'the divine and immortal and that which for ever is,' this is dominion; to do less than that in any measure to be enslaved.

"Do you know the story of the man who was brought bound before Nero, in his tyranny and blood-lust? 'Tell me,' said the emperor, as his dark brows drooped threateningly over his cruel eyes, 'why are you not afraid of me?' The prisoner answered, 'Because the god who made you terrible did something else; he made me intrepid! Let us call to mind those words of a man who knew that at any moment the power which ruled his world might set its officers and its torturers in motion against him. 'Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or anguish, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us.' Through Him that loved us.' The appeal is to something greater than Nero, greater than the circumstances, greater than ourselves, to the Truth which sets us free.

"There is a God who weaves on the loom of eternity His pattern of perfect Beauty, utter Truth, and absolute Goodness, weaving it with just those threads of time which we men and women confuse and tangle here below; there is a Light in the heart which the many waters of our folly cannot quench; there is a Divine Commandment which walks our city-streets day and night, joy and sorrow, life and death are the garment which He follows. And these three are One. Follow this, and it will bring you to dominion! Serve this, and you will be crowned the king for in the spiritual city."

WEST AUSTRALIA  
SEEKS FREEDOMPETITION BEFORE  
PARLIAMENTNO DESIRE TO  
LEAVE EMPIRE

A petition on behalf of the Government, Parliament and people of the State of Western Australia, for leave to withdraw from the Australian Federation, and for restoration of their former status as a separate self-governing Colony within the British Empire was today presented in both Houses of Parliament.

As presented in the House of Commons the petition consists of a scroll 26 feet long, encased in a handsome polished jarnah casket. It was deposited in a petition bag behind the Speaker's chair and will be examined in due course by the Public Petitions Committee.

In the House of Lords, the Marquis of Aberdeen, in presenting the petition, said the right of petitioning the Crown was a fundamental principle of the Constitution, and it was in order to afford the State of Western Australia facilities for availing themselves of this right that he presented the petition.

Lord Hailsham, on behalf of the Government, said Lord Aberdeen's statement seemed to raise matters of grave constitutional importance, having regard to the relationship between the Dominions and this country at present in operation. The position in relation to this question was not one they could hastily determine. In these circumstances, before the petition was received, he asked for an opportunity of considering the issues involved, and of perhaps tendering advice to the House as to the most convenient way of dealing with them when it reassembles at the end of next month.

BRITAIN KEEPS  
CLOSE WATCH

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A Renter Special despatch states that the Italian forces suffered 30 killed and 60 wounded among the troops at the outpost which was attacked by Assyrian tribesmen. All the casualties were negro soldiers.

## CHIANG RECUPERATING

Ningpo, Dec. 18. Marshal Chiang Kai-shek is staying at a villa near his mother's tomb at Fenghuang, declining to receive callers. He is anxious for seclusion while he recuperates from his recent illness, caused by typhoid infection.—Central News.

LONDON STOCK  
EXCHANGELATEST SHARE  
QUOTATIONS

The following quotations on the London Stock Exchange have been received by Messrs. Swan, Colclough and Fritz in conjunction with Reuters' British Government Securities Dec. 14, Dec. 17.

War Loan 3 1/2%	107 1/2	107 1/2
redu. after 1952	107 1/2	107 1/2
4 1/2% Bonds 1898	103 1/2	103 1/2
(Eng. Iss.)	103 1/2	103 1/2
5% Loan 1908	109	109
5% Loan 1912	108 1/2	108 1/2
5% Rop. Loan	108 1/2	108 1/2
1913 (Lain. Iss.)	108 1/2	108 1/2
5% Bonds 1925-47	106	106 1/2
5% Shai-Nanking	107 1/2	107 1/2
Rly.	107 1/2	107 1/2
5% Tient-Pukow	107 1/2	107 1/2
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Railway (Shai)	107 1/2	107 1/2
5% Shai-Pehow	107 1/2	107 1/2
Ningpo Rly.	107 1/2	107 1/2
5% Hunan Rly.	107 1/2	107 1/2
5% Hukang Rly.	107 1/2	107 1/2
5% Long-Tsing U.	107 1/2	107 1/2
Hai Rly. 1913	107 1/2	107 1/2
Foreign Bonds and Banks		
German 7% Int.	107 1/2	107 1/2
Loan 1924	107 1/2	107 1/2
Japan 5% Sterling	107 1/2	107 1/2
Loan 1907	107 1/2	107 1/2
Japan 5% Sterling	107 1/2	107 1/2
Loan 1924	107 1/2	107 1/2
H.K. & Shai Bk.	107 1/2	107 1/2
(Lain. Regd.)	107 1/2	107 1/2
Charter Bk. 25 sh.	107 1/2	107 1/2
Associated Elec.	107 1/2	107 1/2
Industries	107 1/2	107 1/2
British-Am. Tol.	107 1/2	107 1/2
(Beurer)	107 1/2	107 1/2
Chinese Eng. and	107 1/2	107 1/2
Min. (Beurer)	107 1/2	107 1/2
Tate & Lyle	107 1/2	107 1/2
Courtauld	107 1/2	107 1/2
Distillers	107 1/2	107 1/2
Dunlop Rubber	107 1/2	107 1/2
Eveready	107 1/2	107 1/2
General Electric	107 1/2	107 1/2
(England)	107 1/2	107 1/2
Boots 5/- sh.	107 1/2	107 1/2
Impl. Chem. Ind.	107 1/2	107 1/2
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Impul. 10/- sh.	107 1/2	107 1/2
Woolworths 5/-	107 1/2	107 1/2
Internat. Nickel	107 1/2	107 1/2
no par val.	107 1/2	107 1/2
Pinefin Johnson	107 1/2	107 1/2
Turner & Newall	107 1/2	107 1/2
Unilever	107 1/2	107 1/2
Miscellaneous		
Anglo-Dutch	107 1/2	107 1/2
Burns, Cora. R.	107 1/2	107 1/2
10	107 1/2	107 1/2
Austin Motors	107 1/2	107 1/2
sh.	107 1/2	107 1/2
Charter. 15/- sh.	107 1/2	107 1/2
(Beurer)	107 1/2	107 1/2
Gula Kalumpung	107 1/2	107 1/2
Trepca Mines	107 1/2	107 1/2
sh.	107 1/2	107 1/2
Langlaagte	107 1/2	107 1/2
Estates	107 1/2	107 1/2
Pekin Synd. 2/-	107 1/2	107 1/2
Charter. sh.	107 1/2	107 1/2
Rubber Trust	107 1/2	107 1/2
Shai Elec. Constr.	107 1/2	107 1/2
Van Ryn Deep	107 1/2	107 1/2
Electric Musical	107 1/2	107 1/2
Industries	107 1/2	107 1/2
Anglo-Persian Oil	107 1/2	107 1/2
Burma Oil	107 1/2	107 1/2
Southern Railway	107 1/2	107 1/2
(Deferred)	107 1/2	107 1/2
Rolls Royce	107 1/2	107 1/2
10	107 1/2	107 1/2
Shell Trans. and	107 1/2	107 1/2
Trad. (Beurer)	107 1/2	107 1/2
Goldenhul	107 1/2	107 1/2
Crown Mines 10/-	107 1/2	107 1/2
sh.	107 1/2	107 1/2
Chosen Coal	107 1/2	107 1/2
City of Oman 5%	107 1/2	107 1/2
Ster. Loan 1930	107 1/2	107 1/2

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A Renter Special despatch states that the Italian forces suffered 30 killed and 60 wounded among the troops at the outpost which was attacked by Assyrian tribesmen. All the casualties were negro soldiers.

## CHIANG RECUPERATING

Ningpo, Dec. 18. Marshal Chiang Kai-shek is staying at a villa near his mother's tomb at Fenghuang, declining to receive callers. He is anxious for seclusion while he recuperates from his recent illness, caused by typhoid infection.—Central News.

RADIO  
BROADCASTPianoforte Recital From  
The Studio

## EUROPEAN PROGRAMME

From ZBW on a wavelength of 355 metres (845 kilocycles):  
4.7 p.m. Chinese Programme.  
7.11 p.m. European Programme.  
7 p.m. Closing Local Stock Quotations, London and New York Stocks and Commodity Quotations.  
7.08-7.33 p.m. Orchestral.  
Euryanthe—Overture (Weber).  
Willem Mengelberg and his Concertgebouw Orchestra.  
Hungarian Rhapsody No. 12 (Liszt—Doppler).  
Sir Hamilton Harty conducting the Halle Orchestra.  
Cosack Dance (from "Mazeppa") (Tchaikovsky).  
Sir Hamilton Harty conducting the Halle Orchestra.  
Perpetuum Mobile (J. Strauss).  
Willem Mengelberg and his Concertgebouw Orchestra.  
7.33-8 p.m. Variety.  
Vocal Duets—Waltz at the Gate for Katy.  
Vocal Duets—Arlene.  
Layton and Johnstone.  
Piano Solos—Sweet and Lovely.  
Piano Solos—Many Happy Returns of the Day.  
Sings—You were so Charming.  
Songs—I'm your Slave.  
Charles Fitz Gerald (Tenor).  
Xylophone Solos—12th Street Rag.  
Xylophone Solos—Kitten on the Keys.  
Harry Robbins.  
8 p.m. Local Time and Weather Report.  
8.03-8.28 p.m. Songs Memories.  
Florrie Forde Old Time Medley.  
Florrie Forde (Comedienne).  
Medley of Old Songs (English).  
Sydney Gustard (Organ).  
Tom Costello in Song Memories.  
Tom Costello and Chorus. (By special request).  
8.28-9 p.m. Grand Opera.  
Don Giovanni—Overture (Mozart).  
State Opera Orchestra, Berlin conducted by Dr. Leo Blech.  
Arias—La Gioconda—"Yes, Suicide" (Ponchielli).  
Arias—Norma—"Queen of Heaven, while thou art reigning" (Bellini).  
Gina Cigna (Soprano).  
Trio—Carmen—"Torador's Song" (Bizet).  
Riccardo Stracchini (Baritone) A. Appoloni, E. Ticozzi and Chorus.  
Aria—Barber of Seville—"Largo al Factotum" (Rossini).  
Riccardo Stracchini (Baritone).  
Duet—La Boheme—"Lovely Maid in the Moonlight" (Puccini).  
Rosetta Pampanini and Dino Borgioli.  
Quartet—La Boheme—"Goodbye to sweet Awakening" (Puccini).  
Rosetta Pampanini, Dino Borgioli, Aurora Rettore and Gino Anelli.  
9.30-10 p.m. From the Studio. A Pianoforte Recital by Harry Ore. Programme.  
1 Prelude and Fugue in B flat Major Bach.  
2 Gavotte . . . . .Valentini (arr. Ore).  
3 Variations in F . . . . .Mozart.  
4 First movement of Sonata No. 28 Beethoven.  
5 Improvisi in A . . . . .Scriabin.  
6 Soiree de Vienne . . . . .Schubert—Liszt.  
9.30 p.m. Reuter Press Bulletin, London 1 p.m. Stock and Commodity Quotations.  
9.35-10 p.m. Musical Comedy.  
Vocal Gems—The Vagabond King.  
Vocal Gems—Lady Luck.  
Light Opera Company.  
Selection—Viktor and Her Hussar.  
Mark Weber and his Orchestra.  
Vocal Gems—The Love Parade.  
Vocal Gems—Sunny Side Up.  
Light Opera Company.  
10.30 p.m. Reuter Press Bulletin, Rugby Mid-day Press News, Further London Stock and Commodity Quotations.  
10-11 p.m. Dance Music.  
11 p.m. Close Down.

## ZEESEN PROGRAMMES

This Evening's Broadcasts From  
The German Short-Waves

Special programme for Far Eastern listeners will be broadcast from Zeesen as follows.  
SOUTH ASIA ZONE  
South Asia Zone, broadcast from DJB (1974 metres) and DJN (31.45 metres).  
4.45 p.m. DJB, DJN Announcement (German, English). German Folk Song Programme—Foreword (German, English).  
5 p.m. Music and Topical Events.  
5.30 p.m. News in English.  
5.45 p.m. "Music from Hamburg."  
6.45 p.m. News in German.  
7 p.m. Concert of Light Music.  
7.30 p.m. News in English.  
8.15 p.m. Close down DJB, DJN (German, English).  
EAST ASIA ZONE  
East Asia Zone broadcast through DJA on 31.33 metres, and DJN (31.45 metres).  
9 p.m. DJA, DJN Announcement (German, English). German Folk Song Programme—Foreword (German, English).  
9.15 p.m. Trio for Violin, Viola and Guitar by Anton Stenel, Erik Monckmeyer, Luthar Rittterhoff, Kurt Chudnowski.  
9.45 p.m. News in English on DJA and DJN.  
10 p.m. "Trio for Violin, Viola and Guitar by Anton Stenel, Erik Monckmeyer, Luthar Rittterhoff, Kurt Chudnowski."  
10.15 p.m. News in German on DJA and DJN.  
10.30 p.m. Schuber's Miller Songs. A Schoneberg Romance. Manuscript H. Engelbrecht Schuber.  
10.45 p.m. News in English on DJA and DJN.  
10.55 p.m. Close down DJA, DJN (German, English).

## KZRM PROGRAMME

This Evening's Broadcast From  
Manila Station

The following programme will be broadcast from Manila this evening by KZRM:  
8 p.m. Studio Musical Varieties.  
8.30 p.m. Dollar as President Jefferson.  
Orchestra.  
8.45 p.m. Spanish International Period.  
8.50 p.m. English International Period.  
9 p.m. All Stars—Jazz Party.  
9.15 p.m. "Trio for Violin, Viola and Guitar by Anton Stenel, Erik Monckmeyer, Luthar Rittterhoff, Kurt Chudnowski."  
9.30 p.m. Tchaikovsky's Cia Programme (Chail Klee).  
9.45 p.m. No and Nois.

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7.45 p.m. DMIEM Programme.  
8.15 p.m. Botica Bole Programme (Chail Klee).  
8.30 p.m. Momento Lirico, conducted by Antonio Soriano.  
8.55 p.m. Stock Quotations.  
9 p.m. Opera House.  
9.30 p.m. Sign Off.



# HONGKONG-SHANGHAI INTERPORT DATES FIXED

## RECREIO'S QUEST FOR BADMINTON HONOURS

### LADIES' DOUBLES TITLE AT STAKE THIS WEEK

#### K. C. C. TO OFFER STERN CHALLENGE TO UNBEATEN TEAM

**THURSDAY'S IMPORTANT MATCH**  
No little importance hinges on the result of next Thursday's ladies' doubles badminton league match between the Kowloon Cricket Club and Recreio "A", which will be played on the former's court.

A win for the Recreio will give them the championship, while success for the K.C.C. will give them an opportunity of finishing the programme on level terms with their Portuguese rivals, and with it the right of a deciding match for the honours.

As yet the Recreio have not suffered defeat, and their smashing victory over St. Andrew's last Friday is a sufficient guide to their present form. The Recreio have won three out of four matches, and they are capable of winning the necessary average of two games in every match. On the other hand, the K.C.C. are forced to rely solely on two couples to turn the balance in their favour. It is a big responsibility, and one which proved a little too much for them when they met the Recreio "A" earlier in the season.

#### MORE POWERFUL COMBINATION

Nevertheless the possibilities of the K.C.C., pulling off a win cannot be ignored. Alterations in the original combination of the pairs have tended to make them more powerful, and playing on their own court will give them a decided chance of winning the necessary fifth game.

The Miss Griffiths-Miss Mackenzie combination has proved to be as strong as the Miss Griffiths-Miss Politi association, while the teaming of Mrs. Politi and Miss Bryson provides the team with a more capable second string.

It is a question of whether four advanced players can beat six rapidly improving players. If Miss Griffiths and Miss Mackenzie reproduce the form which they have shown in their first two encounters, they should, despite the undoubtedly strong opposition, win all three games. This will offset the three defeats which the K.C.C. must suffer through their third pair. Possibly the result of the match will hinge on the outcome of the game between the teams respectively No. 2 couples.

#### WHY RECREIO MAY WIN

On their performances to date, the Recreio will probably start favourites. They can not only point to a one hundred per cent. record, but a vastly superior average of games won and lost. The team does not boast a player of the standard of Miss Griffiths or Mrs. Politi, but it can point to three extremely well balanced pairs, and if any factor is going to decide in their favour on Thursday, it will be this.

The K.C.C. seating capacity is certain to be taxed to its utmost on Thursday, and it is fair to presume that it will be the best ladies' match of the season to date.

#### LAST WEEK'S GAME

The result of last Thursday's match between the K.C.C. and Recreio "B" has not yet been published. The K.C.C. won by the odd game in nine after an exciting match, the result of which depended on the eighth game between Mrs. Politi and Miss Bryson and Mrs. J. Noronha and Miss A. Noronha. Earlier in the evening Mrs. Politi and Miss Bryson had lost to the Recreio second pair, and against their first string it seemed that the K.C.C. were doomed to defeat. Miss Mackenzie and Miss Griffiths, by winning all three games had put the home team ahead to lead 4-3.

In the following vital match, both sides obtained the lead in turn, and then became 10-all. A run of five points on Mrs. Politi's service, with one hand already out, put the home team within sight of victory, but the Recreio retaliated, and during an exchange of four services the score was altered to 20-17 in favour of the K.C.C. Amid tremendous excitement Mrs. Politi secured the winning point by killing a short lob.

#### FULL SCORES

Full scores were:—  
Miss M. Griffiths and Miss A. Mackenzie (K.C.C.) beat Mrs. J. Noronha and Miss A. Noronha 21-4; beat Miss S. Remedios and Miss O. Ribeiro 21-4; beat Miss M. Basto and Miss M. Xavier 21-2.  
Mrs. Politi and Miss M. Bryson (K.C.C.) beat Mrs. J. Noronha and Miss A. Noronha 19-21; beat Miss M. Basto and Miss Xavier 21-14.  
Mrs. Hoxford and Miss I. Woolley (K.C.C.) lost to Mrs. J. Noronha 8-12; lost to Miss Remedios and Miss Ribeiro 6-21; lost to Miss Basto and Miss Xavier 1-21.

#### LEAGUE TABLE

The league table to date is as follows:—

	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Recreio "A"	4	4	0	28	8	8
K.C.C.	4	3	1	19	17	6
Recreio "B"	4	1	3	18	18	2
St. Andrew's	4	0	4	7	29	0

## Capt. A. V. Ednie Retains Golf Title

### Beats Major Francis At Last Hole

Captain A. V. Ednie, last year's Philippine Department golf champion, successfully defended his title by defeating Major John R. Francis in the finals of the Army tournament at the Wack Wack Golf and Country Club.

Capt. Ednie came up from behind and only succeeded in heading his opponent in the last few holes of the 36-hole match. He finished one up over Major Francis.

Major Francis looked as the next Philippine Department champion after the first 18 holes played in the morning when he had the defending champion two down but, in the afternoon play, Captain Ednie played some of the best golf of his career. He succeeded in catching up with Major Francis and went ahead one up by taking the 35th hole. They tied the 36th hole, and Major Francis lost his chance of tying the count and making the match go an extra hole which might have resulted in his victory.

## "BUNNY" AUSTIN'S SISTER BECOMES TENNIS "PRO."

### Reached Wimbledon Final in 1923

The latest recruit to the ranks of lawn tennis professionals is Mrs. Joan Lycett, who, as Miss Joan Austin (sister of H. W. Austin, the British Davis Cup player), reached the final of the women's doubles championships at Wimbledon in 1923.

With her then was Miss Evelyn Colyer, and because of their youth and their similarity in height they became known as "The Babes". Her brother inspired Mrs. Lycett to take this new step, but there was a tinge of regret at her decision when she spoke of her change of status.

"I have always regretted the tendency towards professionalism," she said, "and I have not played in any tournaments for two years because I thought the game bad. It had become too much of a business."

"When I was speaking to my brother recently regarding the question of having some occupation, he suggested that I should start a lawn tennis school."

"I jumped at the idea, particularly because I should like to train young players, and one of my first pupils will be my own daughter Sylvia, who is 8."



Mrs. Lycett and her daughter Sylvia.

## OXFORD UNIVERSITY LOSE AT RUGGER

London, Dec. 17. Oxford University were opposed to Trinity College, Dublin, at rugby to-day and were defeated by 3 points to nil.—*Reuter*.



George Cook, the veteran Australian, who was beaten by Jack Petersen, at the Albert Hall last night, when he was challenger for the British and Empire Heavy-weight titles.

A full report of the Petersen-Cook fight at the Albert Hall last night appears on Page 1.

## Petersen's Meteoric Rise

### RETAINS HEAVY-WEIGHT TITLES

Jack Petersen who successfully defended his British and Empire Heavy-weight titles against George Cook, the Australian veteran last night, was born at Cardiff, Wales, in 1912. His father was a talented boxer and once fought a drawn battle with J. Driscoll.

Educated at a public school Petersen was intended for a doctor's career, but, having learned the rudiments of self-defence from his father, he was fascinated by the idea of becoming a leading boxer. At the age of 17 he won a medal in a local boxing tournament, and from that time, despite his father's disapproval, turned all his attention to the ring.

#### FIRST TITLE

In 1931 he won the British cruiser-weight championship from Goyder, the Police champion, and by February 1932 he had fought 16 contests without defeat. He made short work of Bandini, the Australian heavy-weight, and Power, heavy-weight champion of Wales, but his fight with C. Smith, who weighed 14 stone against Petersen's 12 stone 7 lbs., lasted for 13 rounds before Petersen took the k.o. blow.

After other victories Petersen gained the heavy-weight championship of Britain in 1932 and the Lonsdale Belt by knocking out Reggie Meen in two rounds. Meen was two stone heavier.

#### TOP OF POLL

The net results of the 1933 boxing programme in England left Petersen at the top of the poll. Petersen defeated John Pettifer the massive young London amateur on January 26, but it was not until the 12th round that he landed a punch which enabled him to retain his British Championship and the Lonsdale Belt.

It was during this year, owing to increasing weight, that Petersen relinquished his cruiser-weight title which was won by Len Harvey when he beat Jack McAvoy.

Earlier this year Petersen won the British Empire heavy-weight title when he gained the verdict against Larry Gaines, the coloured Canadian, on a technical knock-out. Gay and handsome Petersen resembles Georges Carpentier in many respects. His youthful high spirits captivated men and women alike. A devout Roman Catholic and church worker he would walk miles before breakfast to attend Mass, yet when he gets into the ring he shows such tiger-like fury in doling out his terrific blows that he seems a totally different being.

## FREE STATE BEATEN

### Soccer Win For Hungary

Dublin, Dec. 17. In an International Soccer match to-day, Hungary defeated the Irish Free State by four goals to two.—*Reuter*.

## CANTON TENNIS

### GEORGE BODIKER WINS ANOTHER TITLE

Canton, Dec. 17. The finals of the Open Singles and Handicap Doubles of the Deutscher Garten Klub lawn tennis competitions were played on Saturday last. The latter were not completed, however, owing to the very even play throughout of the contestants C. A. Wright and H. von Esen against E. Dillner and H. Schneider.

The former couple owed 30 and Dillner and Schneider won the first set at 10-8. Wright and von Esen took the second set at 8-6, and the third set went to six-all before play was then stopped on account of the bad light. This set will be replayed. On the run of the play Dillner was the best of the four with Wright showing brilliant tennis at times.

The Singles match between G. Bodiker and C. E. Watson produced some interesting tennis, and although Bodiker once again prevailed against his "old enemy," the veteran player was not as keen as he was in many duces.

Bodiker After a really good match, Bodiker won the title at 6-3, 8-6, 6-2.

After the matches, Frau Kanter presented the prizes, as follows:—

Open Singles, G. Bodiker; Runner-up—C. E. Watson.

Ladies Open Singles—Frau Kanter.

Men's Handicap Singles—Winner, H. D. Kurt; Runner-up, E. Dillner.

**SHAMEEN CLUB**

On Saturday the final of the Mixed Handicap Doubles of the Shameen Lawn Tennis Club was played and resulted in a win for Madame Laffond and P. R. S. Walsham (owe 16.3) over Mrs. M. A. Annett and G. E. Hanford (owe 3) after a most exciting match. All four players were in good form, although Mrs. Annett started a little nervously. The winners were a much better balanced pair and this advantage told in the end.

Sunday afternoon saw the end of the Men's Open Doubles when G. Bodiker and C. E. Watson beat A. Wright and D. Monroe in three sets 6-2, 6-2, 6-3. Monroe was slightly off form but the others played really good tennis and the result was never in doubt.—*Our Own Correspondent*.

## GOLF "PROS." INCOMES

### Fifty Per Cent Living On Savings

There is an erroneous impression (wrote F. J. C. Pignoni, in the *Daily Mail* recently) that golf professionals receive a handsome income. The fact is that fully 50 per cent. of the professional golfers of Britain are to-day living upon their savings.

The ordinary professional golfer—who must be very capable to hold his job in these days—is fortunate if he can make £300 a year, and some I know do not make half that.

The professional must remain at the club, perhaps with nothing to do, but he must be there. He must hold a stock of clubs and balls as well as other golfing goods, and employ a staff which he always has to pay out of his own pocket.

**LESS THAN £100 A YEAR**  
I know that the average retainer paid by a club to its professional amounts to less than £100 a year, and in practically every instance his wages bill exceeds this.

Professional golfers would not be in the money bunker if all amateurs made most of their purchases of golf goods from their club professional.

The only customers the club professional has are his own members. Yet I have known amateur golfers who not only do not support him but steal his profit.

There was a case at one club where it came to the notice of the committee that some members were combining together to purchase parcels of golf balls at wholesale prices and sell them to other members much more cheaply than the professional could.

## YOUNG INDIANS CLUB SUSPENSION

### ROUGH PLAY WARNING

The Interport soccer match between Shanghai and Hongkong has been fixed for February 4, and during their stay in the Colony the visitors will as is customary engage with the United Services and the Combined Chinese, the date for these games being February 6 and 9 respectively.

Trials will be held on January 13 and 27.

This announcement was made at yesterday's meeting of the Council of the Hongkong Football Association, Major C. M. Manners presiding.

The Council also dealt with the much debated withdrawal of the Young Indians by suspending the players and officials of the Club from further participation in local soccer for the rest of the season.

An item regarding gate receipts was brought up for discussion during consideration of the Interport Programme. The Chairman stated that it was the intention of the Association to give ten per cent. of the gross receipts, less incidental expenses, in the Interport matches to the clubs on whose grounds the matches were played. The Hongkong Football Club, however, had asked the Association for a certain number of seats for the Interport, and also suggested that they be given ten per cent. of the gross receipts.

Mr. W. Pryde, representing the Hongkong F.C., stated that the Committee of his Club desired most of all to have a certain number of seats allotted to them for the match against Shanghai, which had been arranged to be played on the Club ground. The second part—ten per cent. of the gross receipts—was only a suggestion.

A vote was taken in the matter and resulted in the decision to give the Club ten per cent. of the gross gate receipts and not 330 seats as was suggested.

After a report of the League Management Committee was read, it was decided to adopt their recommendation that the points of the match between the Club de Recreio and the Railway, should be awarded to the Recreio who were leading by 5-2 when the game was abandoned by the referee.

#### THE YOUNG INDIANS

Regarding the matter of the Young Indians, the League Management Committee recommended that the players and officials of this Club be suspended from participation in League football for the rest of the season for failing to carry on their programme. This recommendation was adopted.

It was further stated regarding this matter that the Radio Sports Club would be asked not to play A. J. Hussain, a member of the Young Indians team.

The Chairman announced that a circular was now being drafted drawing the attention of Clubs to the rough play that now prevailed in League games, and warning them that this type of play must cease.

In the Sunday Herald Cup Competition, the match between Portugal and Wales, which was to be played

on Christmas Day, was fixed for Boxing Day. The match between China and England will be played on the same day. The Portugal-Wales match will take place on the Kowloon ground, and the other match on the Club ground.

The selection of the Welsh team was left to the Royal Welsh Footballers; the Portuguese team to Mr. Barnes; the English to a Sub-Committee consisting of Capt. Williams, Commr. Whittaker, Major Manners and Mr. T. G. Stokes; and the Chinese team to the Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation.

Scotland has not entered for the competition this year.

#### INTERESTING GAME

An interesting game will be played on January 1 when the Island will play the Mainland. Messrs. W. Pryde, Wong Ka-tsun and Capt. Fleetwood were appointed to select the Hongkong team, and Messrs. R. Hall, Woodward and Capt. Williams to select the Mainland representatives. The proceeds of the game will be devoted to charity.

A suggestion that charity games among the Chinese, Army and Navy be organized was held over until the next meeting of the Council. In the meantime, the Secretary was asked to circular the suggestion to members of the Council so that they would be able to put forward their opinions.

## HAPPY VALLEY GOLF

### R. F. Clark Qualifies For The Adamson Cup

With a score of 69, R. F. Clark qualified for the Adamson Cup, competed for at Happy Valley between December 7 and 10. The leading scores were:

R. F. Clark . 83-14=69 (qualifies).  
J. MacKnight 80-10=70  
A. E. Clarke 80-16=70  
J. Angwin . 83-17=71  
J. W. Franks 85-13=72  
A. E. Charman 84-13=72  
J. J. King . 89-16=73  
There were 18 entries.



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## CHANGING LONDON

### "THE MARINA" RESTAURANT

### NEW SLANTS ON DRAMA

London, Dec. 1. Glass-lined walls are to be a feature of London's newest restaurant, to be opened in Devonshire House shortly. Mr. Oliver Messel, who has designed many deco and masks for revues and ballets, is responsible for the decoration which will be based on a Venetian scheme. Venetian scenes will be painted on some parts of the glass-lined walls by special process, giving a stereoscopic effect. The bar is to represent a gondola, whilst, flanking the alcove which will house the band, are to be two life-size statues of negroes dressed as gondoliers. Mr. Norman Hartnell, the dress designer, is collaborating with Mr. Messel in some of the decoration designs. The restaurant is likely to be called the "Marina".

The Pioneer Housing Trust in Peckham is the owner of the "R.E. Sassoon" house, to be opened shortly by Sir Samuel Hoare. The flats have been given by Mrs. Meyer Sassoon in memory of her son, and are the latest and most modern yet erected in London. Mrs. Sassoon appointed one of the younger school of architects, Mr. Maxwell Fry, and associated with him as expert adviser, Miss Denby, formerly secretary of the Kensington Housing Trust and an authority on working-class flats. The site was given to the trust, and was so confined that it was only



M. Fländin, Premier of France, can shoot as well as he can govern, friends declare. Here he takes a pheasant on the wing.

possible to erect a five-storey block of twenty flats of reinforced concrete construction. The windows are large and the balconies are exceptionally spacious, providing room for two small beds for children sleeping out. All rooms have been standardised, and this has resulted in reduced building costs—about £370 per flat. The rent of the larger flats, which contain a living-room, hall, three bedrooms, kitchen and bathroom, is 11s. per week, inclusive of rates and water rate. The smaller flats, with two bedrooms, are only 9s. a week inclusive.

#### STATUE MIGRATION

City statues are beginning to follow City people by migrating to the suburbs. Sir Robert Peel is leaving Cheapside shortly for the pleasant terrace of Police-College Hendon, and King William IV. is to leave the approach to London Bridge for West Ham Park. The Prince Consort in Holborn Circus is very unsettled and has meditated retirement to a quieter place for some time. There are others who may be leaving their present homes.

It is not always realised that London has well over 200 statues or public memorials standing in the open air. Many of them are

droodfully in the way. The removal of King William IV has been decreed by the City Corporation because a big scheme for a subway is to be carried out at the London Bridge end of King William Street. King William, 15ft. high, mounted on a pedestal 25ft. high, stands on the site of the Beer's Head Tavern, where Falstaff and Prince Hal caroused. There is power under the London Traffic Act to remove structures of statues likely to hinder the free flow of vehicles, and during the next few years many familiar figures in stone and bronze will be sent to the green shades of out-lying parks.

#### LONDON ARENA

A memorandum has been issued relating to London Arena, Ltd. A stadium arena is to be erected within a few hundred yards of Parliament-square, Westminster. In construction and equipment the London Arena will embody the experience gained from the construction and operation of the great arenas in other large cities of the world. It will enclose a floor space measuring 300ft. by 130ft.

"When is a play not a play?" was the question asked by Mr. John van Druten, the dramatist, when he gave, at Liverpool University, an address on the art of the theatre. Professor L. R. Wilberforce presided. Mr. van Druten said that an American newspaper recently asked what were his ten favourite plays. He first wrote down about twenty-five including "Mary Rose," "On the Spot," "Broadway," "A Sleeping Clergyman" and the American farce "She Loves Me Not." He left out Shakespeare for one reason because he did not want to be priggish and for another reason it was impossible to choose among Shakespeare. Then he began to wonder: "Does 'favourite' mean the plays I enjoyed most or the plays that were best?" The difference between admiration and enjoyment seemed wrong. Certainly there were on his list Ibsen's "Wild Duck," and "June and the Paycock" and "Journey's End." When he first saw "Journey's End"—privately given by the stage Society—he knew after the first act and a half that it was one of the best plays he had ever seen. As he left the theatre one lady said: "Of course it is very good and interesting, but it is not a play." She meant perhaps, that a play must have a plot, just as songs must have tunes—though he knew quite a number of so-called songs which had none (laughter). E. M. Forster had said that "The king died and then the Queen died of a broken heart" was the plot. "The king died and then the Queen died, and nobody knew why, but it was afterwards discovered she had died of a broken heart"—that was the mystery. If you tried to summarise plays in ten lines, they seemed remarkably feeble. Were the best plays plays? (This he admitted sounded rather like Gertrude Stein). One might think the best plays had no plots; but then one remembered Shakespeare and Ibsen and "June and the Paycock." He thought that however dreary might be some plays, such as Chekhov's showing the decline and decay of a once grand family, one would rather sit through three acts of "The Cherry Orchard" than through those ingenious melodramas in which mothers and sons met without recognising each other, where the child was adopted and taken away in the prologue, and afterwards turned up as prosecuting counsel against the mother, who had shot someone who wanted to tell the truth about his parentage (laughter). A play must portray a character, and the character must do something. The slow moving intellectual novelists of to-day did not need plots; but they usually yearned for the stage, though they effected to dispise it. They wrote three hundred page novels in which a woman contemplated leaving her husband, and even packed her bag, but eventually did not go. But when they wrote for the theatre they jumped to the other extreme, because their theory was that plot was essential. "If you could read the unproduced plays of some



King Ahmed Zogu of Albania is seen above together with the late Queen Mother, (at left) and his sisters and nephew, Prince Erenad (at right) all wearing the Albanian peasant costume.

successful novelists," added Mr. van Druten "you would be astounded."

#### TALKIES' GOOD TURN

Another type of mind could think only of stories. For a long time that type had the run of the theatre. But since the beginning of this century things had happened. The first was the eruption in the theatre caused by Barker, Chekhov, and Shaw. He could not add Ibsen because, although one thought of him as an intellectual dramatist, he every time, used a good story. Barker, Chekhov, and Shaw opened a new vein, and placed the first interest in character. Whatever the talking picture had done, and whether it was or was not a menace to the stage, it had at least drawn off very largely that other class of dramatist the plot inventor, and it had changed the mind of audiences regarding the plot play. In "The Scarlet Pimpernel" you sat through three acts for the sake of one moment's revelation of the identity of Sir Percy Blakeney. But nowadays the film audiences wanted, and got, a revelation every five minutes. "Ten Minute Alibi" was a purely plot play, but it differed from "Raffles" or any of the earlier melodramas. It depended no longer on the plot, but was, in effect, a highly ingenious crossword puzzle which required a far more intelligent application from the audience.

### MAJOR'S WIFE IN LAWSUIT

#### MYSTERY OF LOST FUR COAT

### SELFRIDGE & CO. PLAINTIFFS

The story of a Canadian fur sable coat, which belonged to Mrs. Stacke, wife of Major H. Stacke, of Half-Moon Street, London, was told before Mr. Justice Singleton in the King's Bench Division, recently.

Selfridge & Co. (Ltd.), of Oxford Street, London, claimed against Mrs. Stacke to recover £305, 5s., which they had paid her in respect of the value of the coat, which she asserted had been lost by them after she had placed it in their fur storage department.

The money, plaintiffs said, had been paid to her under a mistaken belief that the coat was lost while in their custody.

Mr. John W. Morris, for the plaintiffs, said that on July 5, 1930, the coat, which plaintiffs contended was the coat in question, was deposited in the fur department of Messrs. Selfridge, and on July 8 of the same year Mrs. Stacke's

valours came to the stores and valued the coat at £800.

On August 21, 1930, Major Stacke telephoned asking for the coat to be sent to the Great Western Hotel, and two days later he telephoned saying that he had not received it. Thereafter he was told that it could not be found.

As he said that his wife was going to Scotland the next day, Messrs. Selfridge lent her a mole-skin coat.

The case for plaintiffs was that Mrs. Stacke actually had her coat returned to her at the time her husband telephoned and said that he wanted it back.

#### COAT IDENTIFIED

In June 1932, defendant's solicitors telephoned saying that a coat had been found. Thereupon an employee of Messrs. Selfridge went to their office and was shown a green box containing a fur coat.

There was no label on the outside of the box, but there was a fur storage label of Messrs. Selfridge on the tie-string of the coat and a department ticket.



Baby kissing, long recognised by American political candidates as a road to popularity, seems equally indispensable in Fascist Italy. Here Dictator Mussolini stoops to kiss a little Black Shirt during a recent visit to Sabaudia.



An international guard of honour was assembled on the Bund foreshore on the occasion of the official departure of Rear-Admiral S. Uno, who has been in command of the Japanese Naval Landing Party in Shanghai. Our photo shows the departing naval commander bidding farewell to officers of the Shanghai Defence Forces, shaking hands with Col. John Beaumont, commanding the United States Marine Corps. Mayor Wu Teh-chen, of the Shanghai City Government, can be seen in the centre of the photo, at rear.

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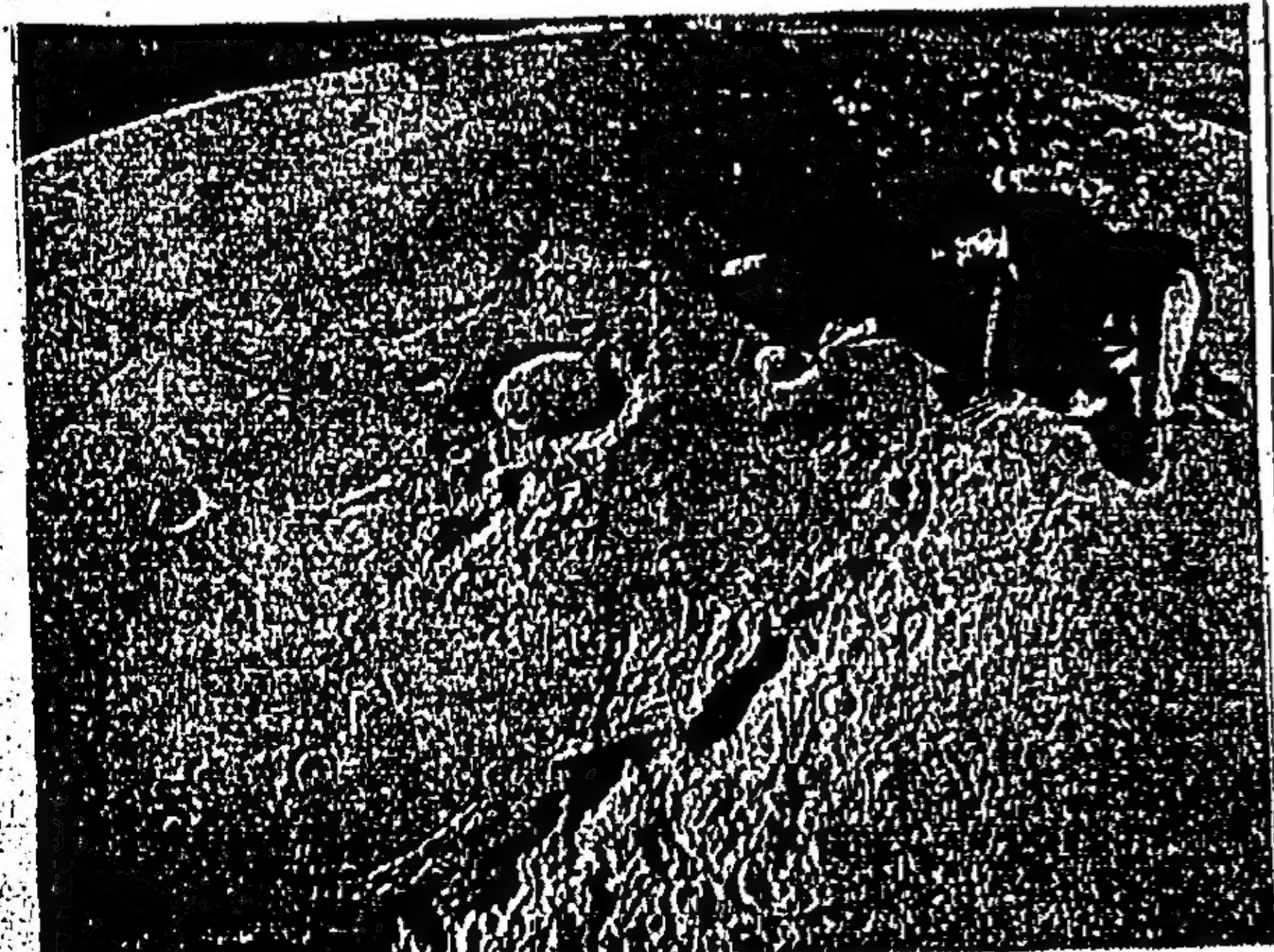
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**CHINA'S FRIEND**  
**SINO-BRITISH AMITY EXTOLLED**  
London, Dec. 17.

At the China Association banquet to-day, Mr. Quo Tai-chi, Chinese Minister at London, in replying to the President of the Association, suggested that the Association could chiefly promote Anglo-Chinese relations by inspiring British public to a better understanding of China by education on the reconstruction work she was accomplishing.

Mr. Quo emphasised that a strong China was the greatest factor for world peace; and that Chinese markets were the most potent for developing world trade. He was fully aware that there were some arrears in existing contracts but the Chinese record of meeting foreign obligations compared more than favourably with some countries.

Mr. Quo also stressed the dependability of trade with China. He quoted many appreciations received from China of Sir Alexander Cadogan's many-sided activities and his understanding of the people.

Numerous Chinese financial, judicial, transport and aviation missions had been to England this year, and Mr. Quo believed that they had strengthened the links of the traditional Anglo-Chinese friendship.

China's full development depended on the political security and stability of the Far East, said Mr. Quo. He urged British and American statesmen to combine, as at Washington in 1922, to maintain the vital principles crystallized in the Nine-Power Treaty.

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**TIENTSIN TRAGEDY**  
**BRITISH COUPLE KILLED IN CAR ACCIDENT**

Tientsin, Dec. 17.

The British community are shocked by a tragedy last night which took the lives of two of the most popular Britons here, Mr. Ronald Tipper and Miss Crookshank.

Apparently the couple were returning home after midnight and mistook a turning in the road owing to the fog.

They headed straight for the Bund and their car, a closed Ford, leaped into the river.

The car was found this morning at a depth of 16 feet. The body of Tipper was recovered, but no trace of Miss Crookshank has been found.

It is believed she leapt from the car as it plunged into the river. Her handbag was found in the car.

**BEING WELL TREATED**  
**HAYMAN AND BOSSHARD IN BANDITS' HANDS**

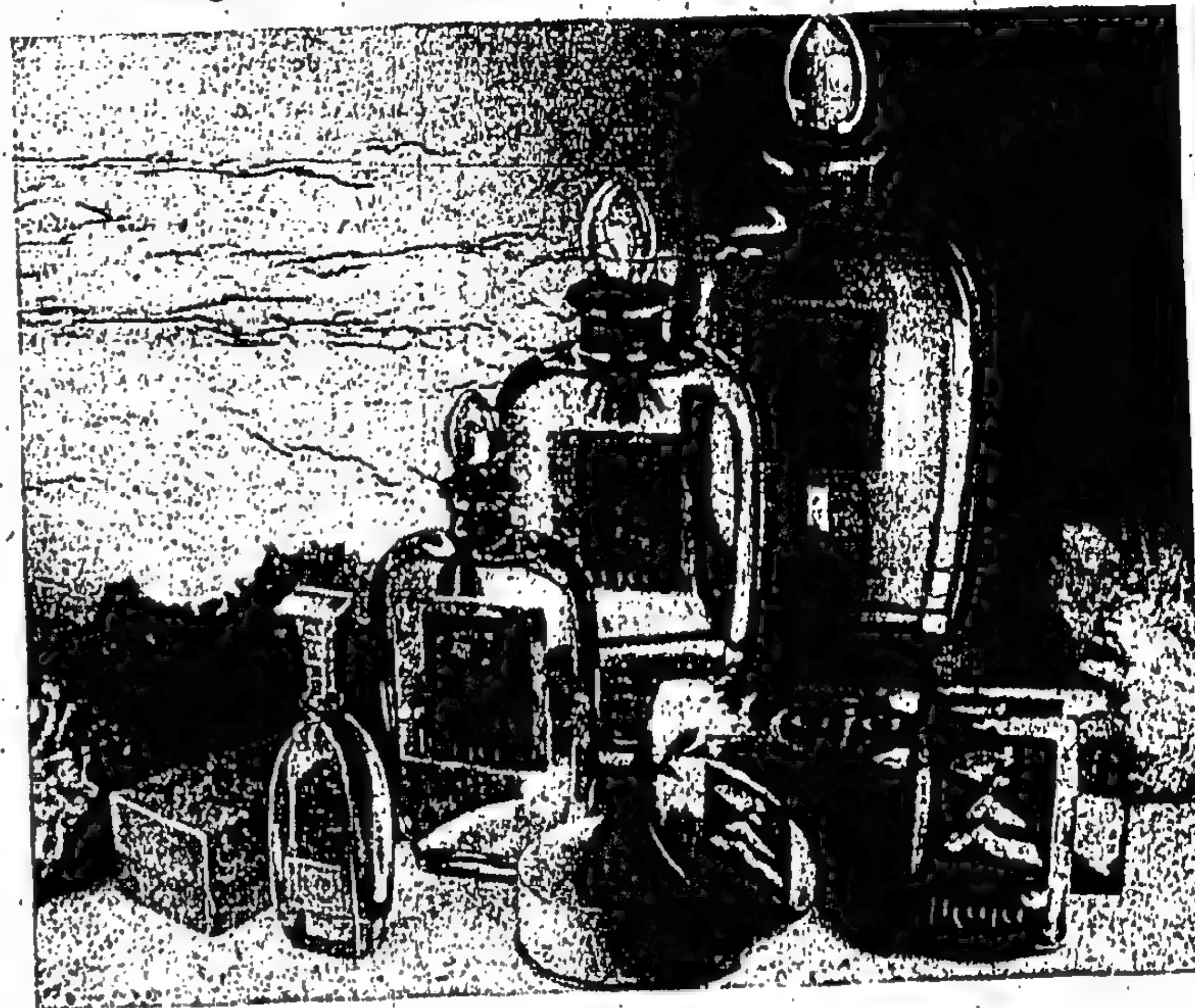
Peking, Dec. 17.

The British Consul in Changsha has received a letter from Mr. Hayman of the China Inland Mission, written on December 7 from Tayung, stating that Mr. Boshard and himself are being reasonably well treated by the bandits.

It will be recalled that Hayman and Boshard were among a party of missionaries kidnapped by Kweichow bandits a few months ago. Two women in the party were released to carry the ransom demands to the authorities, and the third, Miss Emblem, was released after undergoing many hardships.—Reuter.

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**LEGATION SOIREE**

**QUO TAI-CHI ENTERTAINS IN LONDON**

London, Dec. 17. The Chinese Minister in London, Mr. Quo Tai-chi, gave a soiree at the Chinese Legation yesterday, when "Lady Precious Stream" the Chinese play which is having a most successful run there, was privately performed.

The distinguished company of guests included Mr. Norman Davis (chief American delegate to the Naval Conversations) and Mrs. Davis, the Marquis of Londonderry (Secretary of State for Air), Lord Lytton (who led the League Commission of Inquiry to Manchukuo), Viscount Allenby, Sir Sidney Clive (Military Secretary to the Secretary of State for War), Sir John Simon (Foreign Secretary), Mr. Anthony Eden (Lord Privy Seal), the Lord and Lady Mayors of London, Sir Austen Chamberlain, Sir Bolton Eyres-Monsell (Chief Lord of the Admiralty), Sir Edward Hilton Young (Minister for Health), Mr. Hatadaira (Japanese Ambassador to the Court of St. James), all members of the Diplomatic Corps, Sir Harry McGowan (Chairman of Imperial Chemical Industries), Sir Roderick Jones (Chairman of Reuter's Ltd.), Lieut. Col. Sir John Chancellor and Mr. H. G. Wells.—*Reuter.*

**SMUGGLING EVIL**

**COMMONS ASKED TO TAKE ACTION**

London, Dec. 17. In the House of Commons today, Mr. Chorlton drew attention to the widespread smuggling in China, in consequence of the tariffs, and urged that the matter be discussed with the Chinese Government.

The Foreign Secretary (Sir John Simon) said he was aware of the prevalence of smuggling, which obviously prejudiced legitimate business.

The British Minister, Sir Alexander Cadogan had time and time discussed the matter with the Chinese Government.

The Foreign Secretary said he understood the number of preventive vessels had been increased, and in the circumstances, did not feel that any special instructions for the British Minister were necessary.—*Reuter.*

**SAAR OUTBREAK**

**BRITISH OFFICER SUSPENDED**

According to *British Wireless*, as a result of the unpleasant street incident in Saarbrücken, Capt. Justice has been suspended, pending a prompt and rigorous inquiry into the circumstances. The police have received strict instructions in dealing with the case to proceed with the collection of material as quickly as possible, and to prosecute any misconduct without respect of persons and without indulgence.

When the inquiry is completed, the result will be communicated by the police to a court qualified to deal with the matter. Until the affair is cleared up, Capt. Justice has been removed from his duties.

**German Protest**

Berlin, Dec. 16. Herr Nietmann, Deputy Leader of the German Front in the Saar, is reported to have lodged a protest with the Plebiscite Commission and to have demanded the punishment of Captain Justice, the officer concerned in the Saarbrücken riot last night.—*Reuter.*

**Troops Depart**

London, Dec. 17. Animated scenes were witnessed at Dover today when the advance party of British troops for the International Force in the Saar embarked for Calais. The troops consisted of the 46th Company, Royal Army Service Corps, and carried full equipment.

Crowds lined the quayside and wished the troops good luck. The soldiers responded with hearty cheers.—*Reuter Special.*

**Troop Movements**

London, Dec. 17. The movement of units of the British contingent of the Saar International Force began yesterday and is continuing today. The supply detachment and 20 lorries crossed to Calais yesterday, and Signal Companies and the Transport Corps are following.

Part of these will entrain tomorrow for Saarbrücken. The road column will leave Calais on Wednesday, proceeding towards Lille, and by roads parallel with the old trenches.

The Swedish contingent, numbering 260, will travel via Berlin and Frankfurt, arriving in the Saar on Saturday.—*British Wireless.*

**CORONER'S INQUEST**

**YOUNG CHINESE KILLED IN MOTOR ACCIDENT**

An inquiry into the death of Fong Ching-hoi, a 15 year old apprentice stone-breaker, was conducted by Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court yesterday afternoon. The boy died as the result of injuries received when he was run over by motor lorry No. 1076, outside Lo Yan and Amps stone yard at To Kwa Wan Road on December 2.

The jury was composed of Messrs. B. Warren (Foreman), H. W. Hewett and Chan Shik-kyong.

Medical evidence was given by Dr. K. Utley, Medical Officer in charge of the Kowloon Mortuary.

Traffic-Sergeant McInnis stated that he examined the lorry on December 4, and found it in good condition. It was in good mechanical order, and both the hand and foot brake were in good working order. Witness noticed stains on the right rear wheel between the tires.

The driver of the lorry stated that he was in the habit of taking loads of stone to the Kung Wo stone yard in To Kwa Wan Road. If his lorry was just one large piece of stone, witness drove straight into the yard; but if the load consisted of a number of small stones, he stopped and then reversed in. In the first case a crane was used, but in the second case it was convenient to back in, because the folks could push the stones off the back.

**Rushing for Stones**

On the day of the accident witness had a load of about five pieces of stones. Witness stopped the lorry near the entrance and then reversed. At that time witness did not notice anybody at the rear. After having backed about ten feet, witness heard shouting, and then he noticed that somebody had been run over, so he stopped immediately. Witness went and reported the matter to his master and the police.

Witness was accustomed to making three to seven trips to and from the stone yard in one day. He had done this for two months and had never had an accident before. The folks at the stone yard had a habit of rushing to the lorry before it had stopped, because they wanted to put their marks on the stones and pick the best pieces. They did this on the day of the accident. Witness had made enquiries about this to Leung Chun-ching, who signed the receipts, but the practice was not stopped.

Further evidence was given by Choi Chai-wan, a 16 year old apprentice stone-breaker, and Leung Kwai, a stone-carrier, and the hearing was adjourned to Thursday afternoon.

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passed away yesterday morning at the age of 74 at his native village, Ho Pan Chuen, with General Yen at his bedside. Numerous telegrams of sympathy have been received from all quarters by General Yen.

Last week's return of notifiable diseases shows five non-fatal cases of typhoid fever, four cases of diphtheria (one fatal) and one death from cerebro-spinal fever. There

They were among those arrested on December 10, totalling 37. The remainder, including a woman, have been detained for further investigation.

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### NEW SLANTS ON DRAMA

London, Dec. 1. Glass-lined walls are to be a feature of London's newest restaurant, to be opened in Devonshire House shortly. Mr. Oliver Messel, who has designed many decors and masks for revues and ballets, is responsible for the decoration which will be based on a Venetian scheme. Venetian scenes will be painted on some parts of the glass-lined walls by special process, giving a stereoscopic effect. The bar is to represent a gondola, whilst, flanking the alcove which will house the band, are to be two life-size statues of negroes dressed as gondoliers. Mr. Norman Hartnell, the dress designer, is collaborating with Mr. Messel in some of the decoration designs. The restaurant is likely to be called the "Marina". The Pioneer Housing Trust in Pockham is the owner of the "R.E. Sassoon" house, to be opened shortly by Sir Samuel Hoare. The flats have been given by Mrs. Meyer Sassoon in memory of her son, and are the latest and most modern yet erected in London. Mrs. Sassoon appointed one of the younger school of architects, Mr. Maxwell Fry, and associated with him as expert adviser, Miss Denby, formerly secretary of the Kensington Housing Trust and an authority on working-class flats. The site was given to the trust, and was so confined that it was only



M. Flandin, Premier of France, can shoot as well as he can govern, friends declare. Here he takes a pheasant on the wing.

possible to erect a five-storey block of twenty flats of reinforced concrete construction. The windows are large and the balconies are exceptionally spacious, providing room for two small beds for children sleeping out. All rooms have been standardised, and this has resulted in reduced building costs—about £370 per flat. The rent of the larger flats, which contain a living-room, hall, three bedrooms, kitchen and lavatory, and bathroom, is 11s. per week, inclusive of rates and water rate. The smaller flats, with two bedrooms, are only 9s. a week inclusive.

#### STATUE MIGRATION

City statues are beginning to follow City people by migrating to the suburbs. Sir Robert Peel is leaving Cheapside shortly for the pleasant terrace of Police College Hendon, and King William IV. is to leave the approach to London Bridge for West Ham Park. The Prince Consort in Holborn Circus is very unsettled and has meditated retirement to a quieter place for some time. There are others who may be leaving their present homes.

It is not always realised that London has well over 200 statues or public memorials standing in the open air. Many of them are

dreadfully in the way. The removal of King William IV has been decreed by the City Corporation because a big scheme for a subway is to be carried out at the London Bridge end of King William Street. King William, 15ft. high, stands on a pedestal 25ft. high, on the site of the Boer's Head Tavern, where Falstaff and Prince Hal caroused. There is power under the London Traffic Act to remove structures of statues likely to hinder the free flow of vehicles, and during the next few years many familiar figures in stone and bronze will be sent to the green shades of outlying parks.

#### LONDON ARENA

A memorandum has been issued relating to London Arena, Ltd. A stadium arena is to be erected within a few hundred yards of Parliament-square, Westminster. In construction and equipment the London Arena will embody the experience gained from the construction and operation of the great arenas in other large cities of the world. It will enclose a floor space measuring 300ft. by 130ft.

"When is a play not a play?" was the question asked by Mr. John van Druten, the dramatist, when he gave at Liverpool University, an address on the art of the theatre. Professor L. R. Wilberforce presided. Mr. van Druten said that an American newspaper recently asked what were his ten favourite plays. He first wrote down about twenty-five including "Mary Rose," "On the Spot," "Broadway," "A Sleeping Clergyman" and the American farce "She Loves Me Not." He left out Shakespeare for one reason because he did not want to be priggish and for another reason it was impossible to choose among Shakespeare. Then he began to wonder: "Does 'favourite' mean the plays I enjoyed most or the plays that were best?" The difference between admiration and enjoyment seemed wrong. Certainly there were on his list Ibsen's "Wild Duck," and "Juno and the Paycock" and "Journey's End." When he first saw "Journey's End,"—privately given by the stage Society—he knew after the first act and a half that it was one of the best plays he had ever seen. As he left the theatre one lady said: "Of course it is very good and interesting, but it is not a play." She meant perhaps, that a play must have a plot, just as songs must have tunes—though he knew quite a number of so-called songs which had none (laughter). E. M. Forster had said that "The King died and then the Queen died of a broken heart" was the plot. "The king died and then the Queen died, and nobody knew why, but it was afterwards discovered she had died of a broken heart"—that was the mystery. If you tried to summarise plays in ten lines, they seemed remarkably feeble. Were the best plays plays? (This he admitted sounded rather like Gertrude Stein). One might think the best plays had no plots; but then one remembered Shakespeare and Ibsen and "Juno and the Paycock." If he thought that however dreary might be some plays, such as Chekhov's showing the decline and decay of a once grand family, one would rather sit through three acts of "The Cherry Orchard" than through those ingenious melodramas in which mothers and sons met without recognising each other, where the child was adopted and taken away in the prologue, and afterwards turned up as prosecuting counsel against the mother, who had shot someone who wanted to tell the truth about his parentage (laughter). A play must portray a character, and the character must do something. The slow moving intellectual novelists of to-day did not need plots; but they usually yearned for the stage, though they effected to despise it. They wrote three hundred page novels in which a woman contemplated leaving her husband, and even packed her bag, but eventually did not go. But when they wrote for the theatre they jumped to the other extreme, because their theory was that plot was essential. "If you could read the unproduced plays of some



King Ahmed Zogu of Albania is seen above together with the late Queen Mother, (at left) and his sisters and nephew, Prince Essad (at right) all wearing the Albanian peasant costume.

successful novelists," added Mr. van Druten "you would be astounded."

#### TALKIES' GOOD TURN

Another type of mind could think only of stories. For a long time that type had the run of the theatre. But since the beginning of this century things had happened. The first was the eruption in the theatre caused by Barker, Chekhov, and Shaw. He could not add Ibsen because, although one thought of him as an intellectual dramatist, he every time, used a good story. Barker, Chekhov, and Shaw opened a new vein, and placed the first interest in character. Whatever the talking picture had done, and whether it was, or was not a menace to the stage, it had at least drawn off very largely that other class of dramatist the plot inventor, and it had changed the mind of audiences regarding the plot play. In "The Scarlet Pimpernel" you sat through three acts for the sake of one moment's revelation of the identity of Sir Percy Blakeney. But nowadays the film audiences wanted, and got, a revelation every five minutes. "Ten Minute Alibi" was a purely plot play, but it differed from "Raffles" or any of the earlier melodramas. It depended, no longer on the plot, but was, in effect, a highly ingenious crossword puzzle which required a far more intelligent application from the audience.

### MAJOR'S WIFE IN LAWSUIT

#### MYSTERY OF LOST FUR COAT

### SELFRIDGE & CO. PLAINTIFFS

The story of a Canadian fur sable coat, which belonged to Mrs. Stacke, wife of Major H. Stacke, of Half-Moon Street, London, was told before Mr. Justice Singleton in the King's Bench Division, recently.

Selfridge & Co. (Ltd.), of Oxford Street, London, claimed against Mrs. Stacke to recover £305, 6s., which they had paid her in respect of the value of the coat, which she asserted had been lost by them after she had placed it in their fur storage department.

The money, plaintiffs said, had been paid to her under a mistaken belief that the coat was lost while in their custody.

Mr. John W. Morris, for the plaintiffs, said that on July 5, 1930, the coat, which plaintiffs contended was the coat in question, was deposited in the fur department of Messrs. Selfridge, and on July 8 of the same year Mrs. Stacke's

valuers came to the stores and valued the coat at £300.

On August 21, 1930, Major Stacke telephoned asking for the coat to be sent to the Great Western Hotel and two days later he telephoned saying that he had not received it. Thereafter he was told that it could not be found.

As he said that his wife was going to Scotland the next day, Messrs. Selfridge lent her a mole-skin coat.

The case for plaintiffs was that Mrs. Stacke actually had her coat returned to her at the time her husband telephoned and said that he wanted it back.

#### COAT IDENTIFIED

In June 1932, defendant's solicitors telephoned saying that a coat had been found. Thereupon an employee of Messrs. Selfridge went to their office and was shown a green box containing a fur coat.

There was no label on the outside of the box, but there was a fur storage label of Messrs. Selfridge on the lid, and the coat and a department ticket.

The employee had not the slightest doubt that that coat was the identical coat in respect of which Messrs. Selfridge had paid £305, 6s. to Mrs. Stacke.

The box with the coat seen at defendant's solicitors' office had been at the Great Western Hotel in the name of Stacke. The coat would be identified by witnesses who had remodelled the coat and put in new lining, and by valuers who valued the coat in 1930.

His Lordship would also hear that in July 1930, Major Stacke handed in the box at the reception office of the hotel. The box had no name on it, but the hotel porter would state that knowing Major Stacke well he wrote "Stacke" on the box.

In 1932, when a message was sent to Major Stacke to take away the box, he said that he thought the box contained old Army records, but on opening it he found it contained a fur coat. After signing a receipt he took it away, and later the defendant's solicitor communicated with Messrs. Selfridge.



Baby-kissing, long recognised by American political candidates as a road to popularity, seems equally indispensable in Fascist Italy. Here Dictator Mussolini stoops to kiss a little Black Shirts during a recent visit to Sabaudia.



An international guard of honour was assembled on the Bund foreshore on the occasion of the official departure of Rear-Admiral S. Uno, who has been in command of the Japanese Naval Landing Party in Shanghai. Our photo shows the departing naval commander bidding farewell to officers of the Shanghai Defence Force, shaking hands with Col. John Beaumont, commanding the United States Marine Corps. Mayor Wu Teh-shen, of the Shanghai City Government, can be seen in the centre of the photo, at rear.

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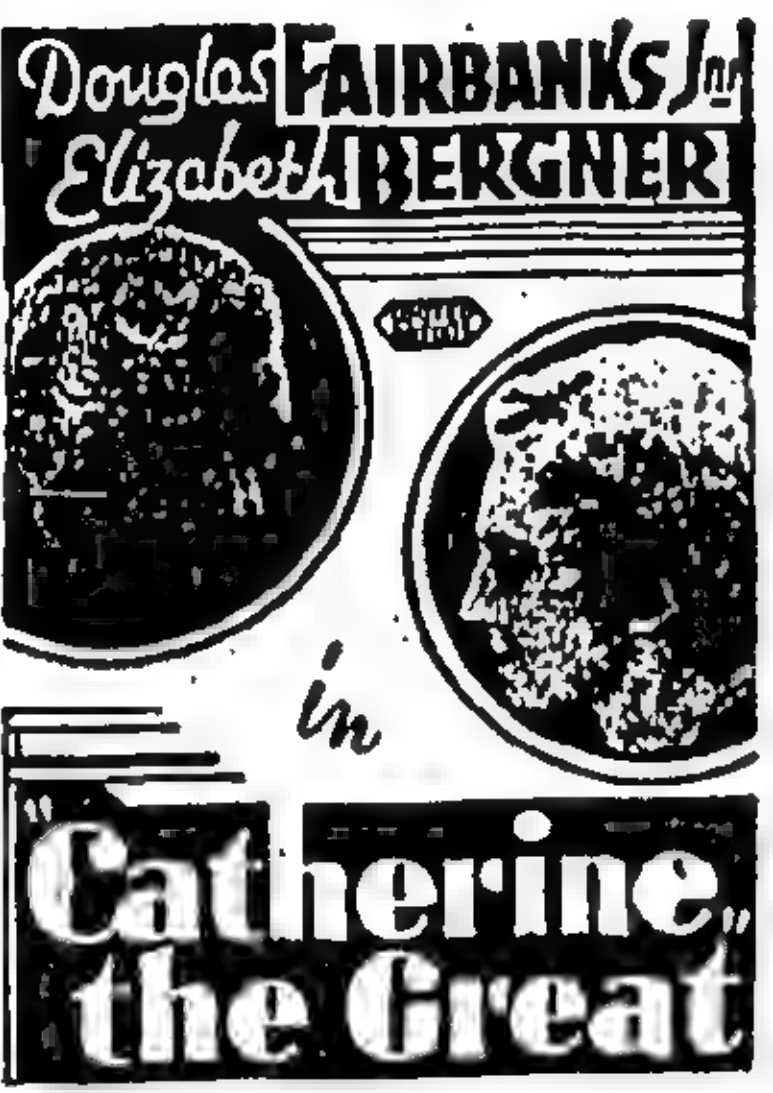
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## U.S. COMMODITY PRICES

### LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

Messrs. Swan, Culbertson and Fritz have received the following quotations on the New York exchange for yesterday.

New York Cotton.	Dec. 15.	Dec. 17.
December	12.54	12.45-12.46
January	12.53	12.45-12.43
March	12.60	12.52-12.53
May	12.60	12.53-12.53
July	12.61	12.51-12.52
October (1935)	12.43	12.33-12.34
Spot	12.80	12.70

New York Rubber.	Dec. 15.	Dec. 17.
December	12.90	12.93-12.93
January	12.99	13.00-13.00
March	13.10	13.10-13.20
May	13.30	13.37-13.37
July	13.57	13.55-13.55
September	13.77	13.80-13.80
Total sales:—174 lots		

Chicago Wheat.	Dec. 15.	Dec. 17.
December	100%	98 3/4-98 3/4
May	100%	99 1/4-99
July	94 3/4	93 3/4-93
Saturday's sales:—10,068,000 bushels		

Chicago Corn.	Dec. 15.	Dec. 17.
December	91 3/4	90 1/4-90 1/4
May	88 3/4	87 3/4-87 3/4
July	86	84 3/4-84 3/4
Total sales:—8,264,000 bushels		

Winnipeg Wheat.	Dec. 15.	Dec. 17.
December	88 3/4	77 1/4-77 1/4
May	83 3/4	82 3/4-82 3/4
July	84 3/4	83 3/4-83 3/4

New York Sugar.	Dec. 15.	Dec. 17.
December	1.09	1.05-1.07
March	1.78	1.78-1.78
May	1.83	1.83-1.84
July	1.86	1.86-1.86
Total sales:—4,000 tons		

New York Silk.	Dec. 15.	Dec. 17.
December	1.33	1.30-1.31
March	1.33	1.30 3/4-1.31
May	1.34	1.32 3/4-1.32 3/4
Total sales:—125 lots		

Montreal Silver.	Dec. 15.	Dec. 17.
December	54.40	53.75-53.75
March	55.10	54.40-54.65
May	55.60	54.90-54.90
July	56.40	55.50-55.50
Total sales:—25 contracts		

New York Metals.	Dec. 15.	Dec. 17.
Copper March	6.20	6.30
Tin, March	50.75	50.55

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## THEFT EPIDEMIC

EUROPEAN HOUSES ENTERED

### JEWELS TAKEN

Several European residents were the victims of robbers on Sunday, no fewer than four houses having been entered.

The largest haul of jewellery and other property was made at No. 372, The Peak, the residence of the Chief Justice. Another victim was Mr. W. F. Stone, who resides at No. 8 Ventris Road. In this case, the thief or thieves stole a gentleman's gold wrist watch, a pearl and gold bracelet, a three-stoned ring and a silver chain. The theft is believed to have been committed before 7.30 p.m., and between this time and 9 p.m., the residence of Mr. W. R. Hillier, No. 7 Ventris Road, was also entered, and a gold watch and chain and a small sum of money from a child's money box were stolen. This theft occurred while Mr. and Mrs. Hillier were outside playing a game of cards. The gold watch and chain were a present to Mr. Hillier from his wife on the occasion of their wedding. Mr. Hillier is the chief inspector of boats and junks at the Harbour Office.

Mr. F. Brett, chief assistant inspector of the Harbour Office, was another victim. His residence at No. 101 Boundary Road, Kowloon Tong, was entered between 10 p.m. on Sunday and 7 a.m. yesterday, and from here the thief or thieves removed a gold watch and chain and a little money. The watch and chain were wedding presents from Mr. Brett's wife.

Mr. Brett had gone to sleep after placing his watch and chain on a tray on the table in his bedroom, and emptying the contents of his pockets on the table. The window of the bedroom was open, and incidentally this was the only window kept open that night. Mr. Brett was not disturbed while the theft was taking place, and only discovered his loss the following morning. The value of the watch and chain is about \$100.

## REVOLVER AND DAGGER

### STIFF SENTENCE FOR POSSESSION

For having in his possession a revolver, four rounds of ammunition and a dagger without a licence, Kwok Hung, unemployed, was fined \$1,000, in default 12 months' hard labour, by Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning.

Another man, Man Cheung, alias Man Ching-chuen, who was charged with having control of the weapons, was discharged as there was no evidence against him. Inspector Darling, appearing for the prosecution, stated that defendants were seen at the junction of Nathan Road and Lai-chikok Road on December 5. They were with another man. The second defendant was arrested but the first defendant managed to get away. He was later caught in Portland Street, and when searched a revolver loaded in four chambers was found in his pocket and a dagger in his girdle.

## PLANE DAMAGE SEQUEL

### SAND REMOVAL PROSECUTION

Seven coolies were brought before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning, charged with removing sand from a nullah near the Kai Tak Aerodrome yesterday.

It is stated that Mr. Murray, of the Far East Training School, was taxi-ing across the aerodrome in an aeroplane yesterday, and the tail of it caught in a manhole which had been left open. The damage caused to the aeroplane amounted to £8.

The defendants, on being questioned, stated that they were employed by a woman to carry sand from the nullah. They pointed out the woman in Court and she produced a permit, which had been issued by the P.W.D., to carry on such work.

The Magistrate discharged all defendants and stated that he would have the permit cancelled.

### CHIANG RECUPERATING

Ningpo, Dec. 18. Marshal Chiang Kai-shek is staying at a villa near his mother's tomb at Fenghua, declining to receive callers. He is anxious for seclusion while he recuperates from his recent illness, caused by tooth infection.—Central News.

## NAPOLEON'S LETTERS

SOLD IN LONDON FOR £15,000

(Special to "Telegraph")

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London, Dec. 17. A collection of three hundred letters, nearly all of them unpublished, written by Napoleon to the Empress Marie Louise, were purchased by the French Government for £15,000 when they were auctioned at Sotheby's, London, to-day.

They included the famous letter in which Napoleon wrote that he intended to march from Russia towards the Marne and drive the enemy away from Paris.

The capture of the letter by Cossacks was fatal to the Emperor.—Reuter Special.

## GROWTH OF COMMUNISM

### RECOGNITION OF SOVIET BLAMED

(Special to "Telegraph")

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Washington, Dec. 17. Testifying at the inquiry into the alleged growth of Nazism or Fascism in America, Mr. William Green, President of the American Federation of Labour and powerful opponent of Communism, declared that recognition of Russia was partially responsible for the growth of "Red" sympathy in the United States.—United Press.

## U.S. BUSINESS OUTLOOK

### PROGRESSIVE UPTURN EXPECTED

Washington, Dec. 17. Notwithstanding reports to the contrary, apparently no understanding has been reached between utility leaders and President Roosevelt.

Granted that Congress can be held in check, and with due allowance for cyclical factors, the consensus of opinion of business leaders is that a progressive upturn in business can be anticipated.—Swan, Culbertson and Fritz.

## HUNT FOR MURDERERS

### NANKING INSTRUCTS ANHUI GOVERNMENT

Nanking, Dec. 17. At the request of the American Legation, the Nanking Government has instructed the Anhui provincial authorities to institute a vigorous search for the bandits responsible for the murder of Mr. and Mrs. John Stam, in southern Anhui, on December 10. In the meantime, the Waichiaoop is sending an official to investigate the case.—Central News.

## MANILA STOCK EXCHANGE

### PHILIPPINE GOLD SHARE QUOTATIONS

To-day's quotations as received by Messrs. Swan, Culbertson and Fritz shortly after the close of the morning session of the Manila Stock Exchange are as follows:—

Price	Volume
Antamok Goldfields	0.53 0.51 0.52 2000
Isuzu Gold Mining	0.30 0.29 0.30 4000
Isuzu Consolidated	11.00 10.00
Gold River	0.20 0.19 0.20 20000
Ips Gold Mines	0.40 0.35 0.40 2000
Ipsen Mining Co.	0.35 0.34 0.35 2000
Salacot Mining Co.	0.15 0.14 0.14 10000
Rayco Consolidated	0.20 0.27 0.24 2000
United Paracore	0.28 0.27 0.27 4000
R. C. & F. Gold share Index	121. Market slightly bullish. Volume Pecos 150,000.

## RUMANIA'S DEBTS

London, Dec. 17. The President of the Board of Trade, together with Colonel Colville, received M. Manulescu, Rumanian Minister of Commerce, accompanied by Laplew, acting Rumanian Minister, and his delegation, and discussed with him the question of outstanding debts due from Rumania to firms in the United Kingdom. The discussions are being continued.—British Wireless.

### FINE TO CLOUDY

An anticyclone of considerable intensity has developed over north China, pressure being highest to the north-west of Shanghai. The depression is moving eastward to the north of Hokkaido. Local forecast:—N.E. winds, fresh; fine to cloudy.

## POST OFFICE NOTICE

### PRIVATE LETTER BOXES

Holders of Private Letter Boxes at the G.P.O. may exchange same for boxes at the Kowloon Central Post Office if application be made to the Postmaster General before December 31.

### RADIO NOTICE

XL1 telegrams conveying Christmas and New Year Greetings will be accepted by the Government Radio Office for transmission via Radio during the period from December 14, 1934 to January 6, 1935, both dates inclusive.

(a) The charge for telegrams to places in China will be based on One Fourth of the ordinary rate and to other places on One Third of the ordinary rate.  
(b) The minimum charge for all places will be for ten words. Further particulars may be obtained on application to the Radio Office.

## SINGAPORE-AUSTRALIA AIR MAIL SERVICE

Correspondence for Australia, New Zealand, Fiji and Western Pacific Islands will be accepted for transmission by this service via Singapore. The inclusive postage rates will be:

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## IMPERIAL AIRWAYS VIA SINGAPORE

Bandoeng-Amsterdam via Singapore, Saigon-Marseilles via Saigon. Correspondence for Europe and intermediate countries will be accepted for transmission by these Services. Rates and all particulars are shown in the schedules exhibited at the General Post Office and Kowloon Office. All letters etc., must be marked "By Air Mail" and handed in at the General Post Office and Kowloon Office. Letters superscribed for despatch by a specific air mail service, correspondence will be forwarded by the first service available.

### VIA SIBERIA ROUTE.

Letters and postcards for Europe and South America are forwarded "via Siberia" if so superscribed.

### INWARD MAILS.

From	Date and Time
Japan	December 18.
Shanghai and Swatow	December 18.
Shanghai	December 19.
Straits	December 19.
Japan	December 20.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai (Via Vancouver, B.C., 1st December)	December 20.
—and Europe via Siberia (London, 20th November)	December 20.
Australia and Manila via Negapatnam (Letters only) London, 22nd November—and Air Mail ex Amsterdam—Bandoeng Service (Amsterdam, 5th December)	December 20.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, 30th November)	December 20.
Straits	December 20.
Japan and Shanghai	December 20.
London parcels only—London, 16th November	December 20.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, 23rd Nov.)	December 21.
Straits and Air Mail ex Marseilles—Salon Service (Marseilles, 5th December)	December 21.
Japan and Shanghai	December 21.
Straits	December 22.
Japan	December 22.
Montevideo Maru	December 22.
Straits	December 22.
Amoy	December 22.
Shanghai	December 22.
Shanghai	December 23.

### OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Tuesday.	Date and Time
Samahai and Wuchow	Kong Ning	Tues., Dec. 18, 4 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America, Canada and Europe via San Francisco, and Europe via Siberia (Due San Francisco, 8th January)	Pres. Cleveland	Tues., Dec. 18.
	Reg., Dec. 19, 1 p.m.	Reg., Dec. 19, 1.45 p.m.
	Letters, Dec. 19, 1 p.m.	Letters, Dec. 19, 2.30 p.m.
Swatow	Selsan	Wed., Dec. 19, 3 p.m.
Amoy	Tinian	Wed., Dec. 19, 3.30 p.m.
		Thursday.
Swatow	Hydrangea	Thurs., Dec. 20, 3 p.m.
Manila	Emp. of Russia	Thurs., Dec. 20, 3.30 p.m.
Manila	Pres. Coolidge	Thurs., Dec. 20, 5 p.m.
Amoy	Kutsang	Thurs., Dec. 20, 5 p.m.
		Friday.
Japan	Kamo Maru	Fri., Dec. 21, 9.30 a.m.
Letters for "Bandoeng—Amsterdam" via Yokohama—Maru	Yasukuni Maru	Fri., Dec. 21.
Air Mail Service		
	Reg., Dec. 21, 11.30 a.m.	Reg., Dec. 21, Noon
Letters, Dec. 21, Noon	Letters, Dec. 21, 12.30 p.m.	
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, Yaukuni Maru		Fri., Dec. 21.
East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles (Due Marseilles, 10th January)		
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Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiyang	Fri., Dec. 21, 2 p.m.
Manila	Pres. Adams	Fri., Dec. 21, 5 p.m.
		*Superscribed correspondence only.

## KOWLOON LORRY ACCIDENT

### LADY CLAIMS \$1,000 DAMAGES

A claim by Mario Benson, wife of Mr. Edward George Bankland, of the Claremont Hotel, for \$1,000 damages for injuries received in a motor lorry accident, was commenced before Mr. Justice Lindall at the Supreme Court this morning.

Plaintiff claimed these special and general damages from Won Chung-yue, of 600 Canton Road, for negligent driving of lorry No. 1297 by his employee, Tsui Yim-wai.

Mr. T. P. K. Kemble, of Wilkinson & Co., appeared for plaintiff, and Mr. Peter Sin represented defendant. It was stated on behalf of plaintiff that on December 29 last year she was riding in a rickshaw on Nathan Road and had turned left into Haiphong Road when the lorry, coming down Nathan Road, also turned into Haiphong Road and collided with the rickshaw. Plaintiff was thrown out and badly bruised. She was examined by Dr. J. T. Smalley and Dr. E. P. F. Court and underwent X-ray examination and violent treatment which cost altogether \$83.

Plaintiff gave evidence substantiating this statement and said the lorry was on her before she was aware of it. She still experienced pain in her back after walking for a quarter of an hour.

In reply to Mr. Sin, witness said the rickshaw was on its correct side of the road. She was thrown out and taken home in a car.

Dr. Court gave evidence stating that the bruising was severe. The treatment given was the usual thing for such cases.

Mr. Sin said he would like to call Dr. Smalley as he was of opinion that the plaintiff was making a "mountain out of a molehill" and that the \$300 paid into Court would quite cover the case. Negligence was denied; alternatively, contributory negligence was alleged.

The hearing was adjourned.





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Mayor Wu Teh-chen, of the Shanghai City Government, was the central figure at the ceremony opening the Park Hotel. He first cut the ribbon at the main entrance, thus officially opening the hotel, and was then presented with a huge golden key to the establishment. This photograph, taken in the main dining room immediately following the presentation, shows Mayor Wu at the right with the key. In the centre is Dr. Y. M. Chien, Chairman of the Board of Managing Directors, who presented the token, and on the left is Dr. C. T. Wang, a former Minister of Foreign Affairs, who is a Director of the hotel.

### LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

#### LATEST SHARE QUOTATIONS

The following quotations on the London Stock Exchange have been received by Messrs. Swan, Culbertson and Fritz in conjunction with Reuters, British Government Securities, Dec. 14, Dec. 17.

War Loan 3 1/2% 107 1/2 107 1/2

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### SHARE PRICES

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

#### Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$1625 b.

H.K. Bank, (Lon. Reg.), \$137 n.

Chartered Bank, \$16 n.

Mercantile Bank, A. and B. \$32 n.

Mercantile Bank C., \$13 1/2 n.

East of Asia Bank, \$93 n.

Am. O. Finance Corp., \$h. \$20 n.

China O. Fin. Ord. Sh. \$180 n.

China O. Fin. Pref. Sh. \$4 1/2 n.

#### Insurance.

Canton Ins., \$270 n.

Union Ins., \$500 b.

China Underwriters, \$1.15 b.

China Fire, \$610 n.

H.K. Fire Ins., \$237 1/2 n.

Internat'l Assoc. Sh. \$5.00 n.

#### Shipping.

Douglas, \$40 1/2 b.

H.K. Steamboats, \$7 1/2 n.

Indo-China, (Def.), \$33 n.

Shell's (Harbour), \$4 1/2 n.

Union Waterboats, \$13 1/2 n.

#### Mining.

Antamoks, 73 cts. ss.

Bahloes, \$37 n.

Bakulo Gold, 40 cts. n.

Benguets, \$13.75 n.

Benguets, Exploration, 21 cts. n.

Benguets, 20 cts. n.

Big Vein, 10 cts. n.

Gold Creek, 23 cts. b.

Gold River, 21 cts. b.

Ipo Mining, \$1 n.

Isokons, subdivided 40 cts. n.

Salacot, 16 cts. n.

Kailan, 20/3 n.

Langkats (Single), \$15 n.

Shai Explorations, Sh. \$5 n.

Shai Loans, Sh. \$6 n.

Raths, ex. div. \$10.70 n.

Venz Goldfield, \$5 n.

#### Docks, etc.

H.K. Wharves, \$109 ss.

H.K. Docks, \$12 1/2 n.

Providents (old), \$1.40 n.

Providents (new), 60 cts. n.

Hongkows (old), Sh. \$310 n.

New Engineering, Sh. \$5 1/2 n.

Shanghai Docks, Sh. \$120 n.

#### Cotton Mills.

Ewo Cottons, Sh. \$9 n.

Shai Cottons, (old), Sh. \$74 n.

Shai Cottons, (new), Sh. \$44 1/2 n.

Zong Sings, \$9.40 n.

Wing On Textiles, Sh. \$55 n.

#### Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$4.90 b.

H.K. Lands, \$55 1/2 n.

H.K. Lands 4% debentures, \$101 n.

Shai Lands, Sh. \$24 1/2 n.

Metropolitan Lands, Sh. \$12.20 n.

Humphreys, \$9 1/2 n.

H.K. Realities, \$4.80 b.

Asia Realities "A" Sh. \$100 n.

China Realities, Sh. \$12 1/2 n.

China Debenture, \$126 n.

#### Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$20 b.

Peak Trams (old), \$12 s.

Peak Trams (new), \$7 n.

Star Ferries, \$98 b.

Yaumati Ferries, (old), \$22 1/2 n.

China Lights (new), \$10.20 b.

China Lights (old), \$10 n.

H.K. Electric, \$72 b.

Macao Electric, \$25 n.

Sandakan Lights, \$8 n.

Telephones (old), \$24 1/2 b.

Telephones (new), \$10.40 b.

China Buses Sh. \$12.40 n.

Singapore Traction, 4/3 b.

Singapore Pref. 17/9 n.

#### Industrials.

Malabon Sugars, \$8.70 n.

Cald. Mack. (Pref.), \$20 n.

Canton Ice, \$2.85 b.

Cement (com.), \$2.30 n.

H.K. Ropes, \$4.10 n.

Dairy Farms \$24 n.

Watson, \$5 n.

Lane Crawfords, \$3.75 n.

Mackintosh, \$21 n.

Sinceres, \$8 1/2 n.

Wing On (H.K.) \$105 n.

#### Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$2.75 n.

H.K. Entertainments, \$7 1/2 n.

### NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

#### MARKET IRREGULAR YESTERDAY

The following reports on the New York stock market have been received through Messrs. Swan, Culbertson and Fritz, The Wall Street Journal.

Stocks were irregularly higher and moderately active. Leaders opened strong but were unable to hold prices at the advances and closed fractionally lower. Activity centered round specialties, such as McCrory Stores, North American and Packard Motor.

Utility issues were strong, which those anticipating further market advances interpreted favourably. Radio Corp.'s holdings were very active and its stock recovered slightly due to pressure being lifted. Bonds were irregular, featured by the strength of United States Government Bonds.

Stocks on the Curb Exchange were steady. Wheat was downward on selling due to weaker foreign cables and a disappointing report on the visible supply.

S. C. & F. New York office called: The stock market advanced moderately with a firm undertone in a dull session. Consolidated Gas has formally requested for higher rates to offset the new city relief taxes. Strong city opposition is indicated. Earnings for the 10 months ended October 31 for the Atchafalaya, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway were 47 cents per common share against \$1.79. Reading, \$1.79 against \$2.33. Much higher steel operations are forecasted by trade reviews, following a temporary seasonal decline. Textile demand is reported to be improving. Rayon producers, who sold through January, are reported to be planning further price advances. Current conferences between utility leaders and President Roosevelt are believed to be promising constructive developments. One hundred business leaders are meeting today to formulate support for President Roosevelt towards recovery. The National Resources Board has announced a permanent Recovery Plan, containing a suggestion for a \$1,000,000,000 public works construction reserve against future depressions. Steel production was up 1.9/10 points at 34.6/10%. The automobile output in the United States was 24,800 units for the week ended December 15. American Smelting & Refining lead price advanced by 1/10 cent to 3.7/10 cents per pound. Business done: 900,000 shares.

New York and Chicago commodity reports received through Messrs. Swan, Culbertson and Fritz:—

Cotton: It is reported that 200,000 option certificates are yet to be sold or hedged, while further reports regarding the 12,000,000 bale quota are disturbing. "Spots" are dull and the basis remains unchanged. News from Washington is beginning to point to a possible



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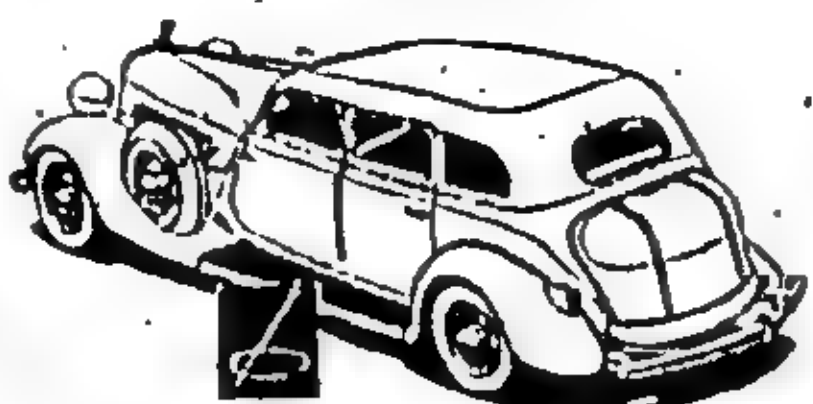
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## DEATH.

EDGAR.—At her residence, 39, Stubbs Road, on 18th December, 1934, Mrs. Flora Edgar, aged 62. Funeral will pass the Monument at 9 p.m. to-night. No flowers by request.

The  
Hongkong Telegraph.

TUESDAY, DEC. 18, 1934.

THE EDUCATION  
INQUIRY

Hongkong's educational system is shortly to be overhauled by an expert who is being sent out from Home for the express purpose. The official communiqué on the subject states that the examination is to be made "with a view to determining the organisation best calculated to secure, with due regard to local conditions, the advantage of maintaining a forward policy in the schools, embodying the latest improvements in school organisation, methods of teaching, etc." It is not indicated whether the idea of undertaking such an investigation originated with the Hongkong Government, or whether the initiative in the matter came from Home. Be that as it may, all who have the Colony's educational interests at heart will welcome Mr. Burney's visit, in the hope that the recommendations which he eventually makes will indicate the best and most fruitful directions along which reform should be undertaken. There is fairly general agreement that the Colony's educational system, such as it is, is largely of the patchwork type. As the number of schools and the variety of type have increased, so has the educational outlook undergone change from time to time, and, as a consequence, the system has not been operated in pursuance of very definite and well-planned objectives. There has, however, been some evidence in latter years of a heightening of ideals and of a desire to evolve a co-ordinated plan. In the large, there can be no questioning the point that considerable advance has been registered within the past decade, but there still remains a marked diversity of viewpoint in regard to future trends. We have seen this latter point illustrated in the utterances by head masters at the annual prize-giving ceremonies in connection with local schools, at which varied views have been apparent concerning the curricula both of elementary and secondary institutions. The advantage of bringing in an expert from outside is that he will be able to approach the whole problem from a disinterested and unbiased standpoint, although he will naturally have to rely for guidance in some

## NOTES OF THE DAY

## FREEDOM OF THE SEA.

Reports from Washington intimate that the United States is about to revise her traditional policies respecting the rights of her merchant shipping in the event of a foreign war occurring. It would seem that the United States appreciates the rights of neutral shipping to "freedom of the seas" even in the event of its attempting to break a war-time blockade. If America adopts the principle that her ship masters must accept the risks of such an attempt, and refuses to intervene if they are arrested in blockaded waters, a long step towards security will have been taken. Further, it would be reasonable for Americans to expect that Great Britain, and other major sea powers, should take similar action to preclude the possibility of an offence against neutrality in any future war. In all probability a convention would be the outcome of this direction, and nations would agree that a blockade by any belligerent should be respected. There is no question that unless an agreement of this description is reached a risk of misunderstanding between great naval powers must remain. Britain and America have clashed over this very matter in the past, and it is not inconceivable that they might find themselves embroiled in the future unless the obvious remedy is introduced. But it is not enough that America should alter her views in connection with this "freedom of the seas." It is necessary that every nation follow set rules of neutrality.

## A SUPPOSITION

That there should be no confusion in the matter, let us consider a situation such as this: Great Britain is involved in war with a Continental power. She is fighting a desperate war in the air and, because of the superiority of her navy, has thrown a blockade around her enemy's seaports. An American vessel attempts to enter one of these ports and is seized, and her master immediately complains to his Government that Great Britain has failed to respect the neutrality of his flag. Or suppose the American vessel attempted to run from patrols and was sunk. If the United States Government insisted upon the rights of such vessels to immunity from search or seizure, the act of the blockading vessels might be considered an act of war; or the British Government might take the view that the American Government condoned a breach of neutrality. Complications might lead to severely strained relations.

## OLD AGREEMENT

By the Declaration of London (1909) most of the Great Powers ratified an agreement dealing with questions of contraband, blockade, the sinking of neutral prizes and the transfer of enemy ships to a neutral flag. British ratification was violently opposed, critics arguing that the measure was framed solely with an eye to British interests as neutrals, and that Britain's real interest as the chief sea power was as a belligerent, and that the Declaration weakened British belligerent rights. The Government postponed the whole question at that date but in 1914 an Order-in-Council put into operation the provisions of the Declaration, with certain modifications. However, the problem remained unsettled. There were very obvious dangers and a common international policy was apparently beyond reach. After the War, when the new naval treaties were being drawn up, America demanded sea strength equal to that of England in order that she could, at all times, defend her principle of "freedom of the seas." Until today this has been the major difference in policy between these two Powers, and an agreement is most necessary. When it is achieved it may simplify, to some extent, the naval armament difficulties, and it most certainly will bring about a happier relationship between all nations.

respects on local considerations to which regard will have to be paid. Education has been well described by Herbert Spencer as "a preparation for complete living." That is, or should be, the aim of all educationists. It is when we come to consider the form which that preparation should take that we encounter varying schools of thought. The problem, so far as Hongkong is concerned, is not unduly complex, although it has its peculiar angles. If, as the terms of the official announcement implies, the whole field is thoroughly explored, we may reasonably hope to see the lines of progress laid down for many years to come. Once the goal is clearly defined, the ways and means of reaching it should present no insuperable obstacles.

BRITAIN'S TOLL OF  
YOUNG MOTHERS

ALL of us, men and women alike, are becoming softer as a result of civilisation. Our resistance to pain is probably less than that of our ancestors, and there is a general demand that pain of all kinds should be avoided so far as is compatible with the safety of the individual. Women in general are less able in this age to withstand prolonged and exhausting pain. The highly strung temperament of the modern young woman is not that of her Elizabethan counterpart. This fact has an important bearing on maternity. The distressing toll of life among young mothers to-day is providing a problem of pressing concern for the public, statesmen, and the medical profession. We have to face the unpleasant fact that maternal mortality is showing an increased ratio in Britain—in fact, the figures recently provided by the Ministry of Health reveal that the rate to-day is higher than at any period in the last twenty years. Five mothers, it is stated, perish for every thousand babies born. The position is all the more extraordinary in view of the fact that recent years have seen a steady expansion in the science of obstetrics and the provisions for its application. Yet this appears to have been of no avail. The disappointing contrasts vividly with the striking progress made in other fields; for example, infant mortality has been reduced to an enormous extent.

The seriousness of the position was recently emphasised by Mr. Baldwin, who, as spokesman for the Government, stated that money would be found to attack this problem. The Ministry of Health has shown alertness by authorising an exhaustive inquiry into conditions of maternity welfare in those districts which revealed in the latest report an excessively high mortality ratio. For all this, there is a feeling among the medical profession that the roots of the problem are not being sought with sufficient vigour; that the attack has been and is being too faint-hearted; that there is need for a ruthlessly clear presentation of facts. In Great Britain there are 1,800 municipal ante-natal clinics. What benefit, it will be asked, are these clinics to the health of motherhood? The answer is: of inestimable value. One of the clearest advances in obstetric thought has been the indisputable realisation of the significance of ante-natal practice; the health of the prospective mother must be periodically assessed. In this way abnormality is detected, and arrangements for its skilful treatment are made. It is well recognised that there are insufficient clinics of this type available; further, that those that do exist are not co-ordinated as they should be. To be of proper assistance each clinic must have contact through local health visitors with the homes of the prospective mothers, and where home conditions are not suitable the principal medical officer in charge must be

able to provide the individual with a bed in a hospital or nursing home where she will receive the best of attention, and to supervise, should this prove desirable, the actual confinement.

The failure to integrate the activities which centre round these clinics is one of the outstanding defects in the present system. Another distressing fact to be faced is the appalling shortage in some parts of the country of maternity beds. It is almost unbelievable that in quite a number of large towns the principal hospital makes no provision for obstetrical cases. Moreover, there is attached to the staff of many of these hospitals no medical man who is specially skilled in obstetrics. This state of affairs must be remedied; every large hospital should be equipped with a proper obstetric unit, conducted and laid out to meet modern requirements. Until this service is made available there seems but little hope of reducing the excessively high death rates in what have been termed "the black spots of England."

Much discussion is being devoted to the question of painless childbirth. Mothers to-day are growing increasingly impatient of the trials of childbirth; that it should be curtailed and made as rapid and as free from pain as possible is a growingly insistent demand. There is grave doubt among the minds of those best competent to express opinion whether this movement is, as practised to-day, wholly desirable. There is little doubt that in many cases anaesthesia is not the best thing for the mother, for it weakens natural powers. The general public must realise the importance of the fact that the more naturally, within reasonable limits,

a mother has her baby, the safer motherhood will become. The question of under-nutrition has been blamed outspokenly for the increase in maternal mortality. There is, however, no strong scientific substantiation for this view; in fact, a recent survey from this angle revealed, as regards the London area, that the mortality was definitely higher among mothers from well-to-do districts. The importance of a proper diet for the expectant mother is, of course, undeniable; but it is doubtful whether the question of severe malnutrition has any material bearing on the problem as it exists in this country. Can the athletic type of womanhood be blamed as a contributory factor? This point is often put to doctors. I can say that there is absolutely no foundation for the view that a healthily developed muscular body is any other than a most definite asset to the young mother. The problem is not hopeless. There are statistics available to show that in hospitals and localities where maternity service has been organised and practised along the best lines, maternal mortality has been reduced almost to vanishing point in this country.



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(Signed) Paavo Gaavotto.

## A Bird Child

Berkeley, California,  
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## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Jack Berger,  
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Dear Jack Berger:  
Do you remember me. I was at the Hotel Astor on New Year's Eve. Of course, I acted like a fool. After I drank those highballs I tried to play the tuba in your orchestra and I took your violin and didn't want to give it back. Next New Year's Eve, I'm coming to the Astor again and just you see if I don't behave better.  
Lucille Mutt.  
(signed).



I tried to play the tuba in your orchestra.

## Mayor's Remarks

The remark of the Mayor of Walsall: "I am afraid the public will be competing for arrest by her," on the appointment of a pretty twenty-four-year-old policeman, reminds us that many people believe that policemen are sirens who lead men to destruction.

We shall never forget a strange encounter in Piccadilly-circus with one of these dazzling girls in blue. It was a foggy November night, and she lumbered out of the mist like a giant ship feeling her way to port. We met in a head-on collision.

Blinded by her beauty and slightly stunned by the impact, we could say nothing for a moment. But a white-hot passion mastered us, and there and then, haltingly but sincerely, we blurted out those three little words which have thrilled women since the world began.

"We love you," we said simply. She grasped her belt in both hands, drew her shoulders back, and bent her knees slightly. "Don't say 'This is so sudden,'" we cried. "Love is like that; sudden, impulsive, unreasoning. Let us hope that our love will be returned one day. Give us the right to hold your hand, to count your buttons."

"I shall arrest you if you are not careful," she said. "We ask for nothing better. Arrest me, handcuff me to holy matrimony, keep us in custody for life."

"Move along, please," she said. "Ah, cruel, cruel temptress! Heartless Circe of the Circus! Must we move along life's way alone when we have glimpsed paradise and dreamed of union with a goddess in gossamer?"

Before a friend dragged us away we snatched at her whistle and blew it madly. Of course, we were unstrung; but was it the echo of those shrill blasts or the mocking laughter of a siren that filled our ears as we staggered, protesting, through the gloom?



## GREAT SMUGGLING RING BROKEN

### "MOUNTIES" GET MAN AFTER LONG HUNT

Montreal, Dec. 17. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police, famous in pioneer days for their continent-wide patrols and their daring and often single-handed tracking of criminal gangs over hundreds of miles of country and for months on end, still "get their man." After five years of investigation, the Preventive Branch of the service has laid charges against a great liquor smuggling ring and has succeeded in rounding up many of the principals.

The existence of this \$5,000,000 rum-running organisation had long been suspected, but the first authentic information as to its activities were divulged in court here to-day when cash bail of \$100,000 each was demanded for several of the 61 accused.

There was one woman among the fifteen persons who surrendered to the plainclothes raiders when they commenced the last stage of their coup to-day. The Mounted did not get the whole gang, for its operators are widely scattered, some of them at sea, some of them in the Atlantic Islands of St. Pierre-Miquelon, famous refuge of the rum fleet, and others are in foreign lands. But they are all marked men.

#### EUROPEAN ALCOHOL

The police state that the smugglers received huge shipments of alcohol from England and France over a period of years, and that the Mounted Police investigators went out to investigate the running operations five years ago, during the days of United States prohibition.

One, at least, of the policemen secured work in the rum-smuggling fleet and made contacts with the Canadian-operated section. Another lived on St. Pierre, that tiny ocean island where smugglers holiday and whose liquor imports amount to thousands of dollars a year per head. The liquor is trans-shipped, of course, to the United States by the smugglers.

#### CANADA'S INTEREST

Canada's interest was not in the liquor smuggled to America, but in the English and French alcohol smuggled into Canada. The material was fabricated into Canadian whiskey, and later sent to St. Pierre-Miquelon, from where it was re-shipped to the United States, via rum row.

Thus the smugglers were avoiding heavy import and export taxes in Canada and beating the American customs patrols. Even with the end of prohibition in America their business was remunerative, for the escape from taxation allowed them a margin to cut prices, with which authorised traders could not compete.

The ring is believed to have been completely broken by the arrests made to-day.—*Reuter*.

#### NORWEGIAN SHIP FOUNDERS

Shanghai, Dec. 17. The Norwegian steamer *Hervar*, which collided with a Chinese steamer in the Wuyang River off Pootung this morning and was badly holed, was totally submerged this afternoon. Fortunately, the

#### DAY BY DAY NEWS IN BRIEF

HELPER IS NOT A MATTER OF CHOICE, BUT OF CONVICTION.—*Robert G. Ingersoll*.

Dr. J. S. Dykes returned from home by the Blue Funnel liner *Helene* yesterday, and is resuming his practice on Thursday.

The University Christian Association holds its annual Christmas concert on Sunday, December 23, at 9 p.m. in the Great Hall of the University. There will be carols and community singing.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. B. Montargis left yesterday on the steamer *Aramis* on a short holiday to Indo-China. They will be returning to Hongkong on January 22. Mr. Montargis is the well-known bullion broker.

Wong Cho-hang, aged 23, a money-changer's fook, of 64 Hap Hong Road, ground floor, was charged with the larceny by servant of \$200 between December 8 and 10, before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning. Defendant stated that on the day previous to the offence, his dog's mouth was injured by a bus, and so he did not muzzle it.

The Japanese cruiser *Tatsuta* is expected to arrive in the Colony on December 24 and to remain in port for four days.

A handy desk calendar for 1935 has been issued by Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., for the Canton Insurance Office and the Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., for whom they are the local agents.

Mr. James Ormiston, Manager of the Engineering Department of Belas Massey and Co. Ltd., is leaving for New Zealand to-day by the *Changite*. He expects to return to the Colony in the *Taipei*, arriving on March 5.

The wedding is announced to take place shortly of Mr. Walter Morris Thomson, civil servant, residing at Blisney Villa, Pokfulam, and Miss Katherine May Housburgh who is en route to the Colony on the s.s. *Fulda*.

The Director of Education will present the certificates at the annual Speech Day of the Ying Wa Girls' School on Tuesday, December 18, at 6.30 p.m. The function will be held in the Hall of the Hop Yat Church, Bonham Road.

"I came back to buy fish," was the excuse offered by Li Wing, 30, when he appeared before Mr. Wynne-Jones in the Central Police Court this morning to answer a charge of returning from banishment before his period of expulsion had expired. It was stated that the defendant had served a term of seven years' hard labour for armed robbery. The Magistrate passed sentence of twelve months' hard labour.

## Britain Keeps Close Watch

### SOMALILAND CLASH EXPLAINED

#### MISUNDERSTANDING CAUSE OF DEATHS

London, Dec. 17. The situation on the Italian Somaliland and Ethiopian frontier was the subject of a statement by the Foreign Secretary, Sir Simon, in the House of Commons to-day. Sir John said that on November 23, the Anglo-Ethiopian Boundary Commission, which had lately completed the demarcation of the frontier between Ethiopia and British Somaliland, and which is also charged with investigation of the watering and grazing areas which for generations have been used by nomadic British Somali tribes, arrived in the vicinity of the wells at Walwal and Wardair, which always have been so used.

These wells lie in the neighbourhood of an undefined border between Italian Somaliland and Ethiopia, and have been in Italian occupation for some time. The Italian Government had previously been notified of the Joint Commission's movements, but, unfortunately, information had not been passed on to the officer commanding the Italian troops at the wells, and he declined to permit the Joint Commission to enter the area.

#### FORMAL PROTEST

A formal protest was recorded by the British representative, Colonel Clifford, and his Ethiopian colleague, the Commission subsequently withdrawing to a camp thirty kilometers distant.

On December 6, a serious encounter, in which the Joint Commission were not in any way concerned, occurred between Italian Colonial troops and Ethiopian forces in the vicinity of the wells. Since then the Ethiopian Government had made an offer to the Italian Government to submit the dispute to arbitration, and they have now reported the matter to the League of Nations.

As the disputed ownership of these wells had given rise to local unrest Sir John Simon had instructed the British representatives at Rome and Addis Ababa, prior to the above incident, to recommend the desirability of early demarcation of the frontier. Before the news of the clash on December 6, the Italian Government had informed the British Government of their willingness to allow Colonel Clifford and his Ethiopian colleague to enter the area of the wells and to carry out their work.

As soon as news of the clash was received, instructions were immediately despatched to Colonel Clifford to withdraw his section from the affected area, similar instructions being sent by the Emperor of Ethiopia to the Abyssinian Commission.—*British Wireless*.

A *Reuter* Special despatch states that the Italian forces suffered 30 killed and 60 wounded among the troops, at the outpost which was attacked by Assyrian tribesmen. All the casualties were negro soldiers.

## LAWYERS AIDED KIDNAPPERS?

### TWO CHARGED IN OKLAHOMA CITY

Oklahoma City, Dec. 17. Two lawyers, James Mayhew and Ben Lusk, were arrested here to-day charged with participating in the \$50,000 ransom profits paid to kidnapers who carried off Mr. G. F. Urdahl, the aged oil millionaire, in July 1933.

The Department of Justice office, which announced the arrests, added that the two men were the defence lawyers for the gangsters responsible for the kidnapping.—*Reuter*.

## NEW VATICAN APPOINTMENTS

### VICAR APOSTOLIC OF YUKIANG

(Special to "Telegraph")  
Vatican City, Dec. 17. It is announced to-day that Mr. Bishop Paul B. Misner, of St. Louis, Mo., has been appointed Vicar Apostolic of Yukiang and that the Rev. Bernard U. Meyer, of Brooklyn, Iowa, has been appointed Prefect of Wuchow.

It was further announced that the American Passionist Mission at Shenchow will hereafter be known as the Vicariate of Yuanling.—*United Press*.

## Saar Clash Investigated

### QUESTIONS IN COMMONS GERMAN COMMENT

(Special to "Telegraph")

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Saarbrücken, Dec. 17. There have been conflicting reports published of the fight in which Captain James Justice and Lord Aylesford were injured here and investigation of the affair is proceeding.

Captain Justice left hospital this afternoon, his head swathed in bandages, and at 6 o'clock went to the office of the Chief of the Saar Criminal Police, Herr Lommerheim, who questioned him for an hour in private.

Earlier in the day the police had interviewed several witnesses. The investigators will report to the Public Prosecutor's Department when they have completed their work, and the latter body will decide what action shall be taken.

Saar newspapers have published descriptions of the affair varying according to whether they are pro or anti-Nazi. There is a good deal of feeling over the incident.

#### BERLIN ATTITUDE

It is generally felt in Berlin that, although the Saarbrücken incident is regrettable, it has no political significance.

A Government spokesman told *Reuter* that they expected to see a thorough investigation of the case and punishment of the culprit.

The Berlin official gave it as his opinion that the incident was the outcome of "a gay mood," and not quite a deliberate action. The few Berlin newspapers which have commented on the affair express satisfaction that it was not a member of the British plebiscite forces which was concerned in the affair.—*Reuter Special*.

#### QUESTIONS ASKED

London, Dec. 17. The Saarbrücken incident was brought to the notice of the House of Commons by the Opposition leader, Mr. George Lansbury, who asked for a statement by the Foreign Secretary.

Sir John Simon, replying, explained that the Saar Police Force was under the sole authority of the Saar Government (Commission), upon which continued to rest the primary responsibility for the maintenance of law and order in the territory. His Majesty's Government had, of course, no responsibility either for recruitment or selection of members of that force.

He understood recruitment abroad for this police force now had ceased in view of the despatch to the Saar of an international force, which was placed at the disposal of the Government Commission for the purpose of maintaining order in case of need.

#### REGRET

He regretted to learn that on Saturday night an incident had occurred in the streets of Saarbrücken arising out of the mounting on the pavement of a car driven by an officer of the Saar police with result that a member of the public was injured. This caused the gathering of a crowd which assumed a threatening attitude to the occupants of the car, and especially to the police officer, who was set upon by the crowd and had to be taken to hospital.

The Governing Commission had issued special instructions for prompt and thorough investigation, and the police officer concerned had been suspended until the matter was officially cleared up.

As the question was still *sub judice* Sir John was unable to make any further statement except that wherever the blame might be found to lie, such an incident at this time was exceedingly unfortunate. There was no reason to anticipate political complications and he emphasised again that neither the international force nor the British contingent had any connection with the matter whatever.—*British Wireless*.

## LADIES' OPEN DOUBLES

### RESULTS OF FIRST ROUND MATCHES

In the First Round of the Ladies' Open Doubles Tennis Championship yesterday Mrs. Kayll and Mrs. Parks beat Miss M. Griffiths and Miss O. Dalziel, 6-0, 6-1; and Misses R. and H. Hancock beat Miss A. Mackenzie and Mrs. Hosford 6-1, 8-0.

## RADIO BROADCAST

### Pianoforte Recital From The Studio

#### EUROPEAN PROGRAMME

From ZBW on a wavelength of 355 metres (845 kilocycles):  
4.7 p.m. Chinese Programme.  
7.11 p.m. European Programme.  
7 p.m. Closing Local Stock Quotations, London and New York Stocks and Commodity Quotations.  
7.02-7.23 p.m. Orchestra.  
Euryanthe—Overture (Weber).  
Willem Mengelberg and his Concertgebouw Orchestra.  
Hungarian Rhapsody No. 12 (Liszt)—Doppler.

Sir Hamilton Harty conducting the Halle Orchestra.  
Cossack Dance (from "Mazeppa") (Tchaikovsky).  
Sir Hamilton Harty conducting the Halle Orchestra.  
Perpetuum Mobile (J. Strauss).  
Willem Mengelberg and his Concertgebouw Orchestra.

7.33-8 p.m. Variety.  
Vocal Duets—Walton at the Gate for Katy.  
Vocal Duets—Arlene.  
Layton and Johnstone.  
Piano Solos—Sweet and Lovely.  
Piano Solos—Many Happy Returns of the Day.  
Sings—You were so Charming.  
Songs—In your Slave.  
Charles Fitz Gerald (Tenor).  
Xylophone Solos—12th Street Rag.  
Xylophone Solos—Kitten on the Keys.  
Harry Robbi.

8 p.m. Local Time and Weather Report.  
8.03-8.28 p.m. Songs: Memories.  
Florrie Forde Old Time Melody.  
Florrie Forde (Comedienne).  
Medley of Old Songs (English).  
Sydney Gustard (Organ).  
Tom Costello in Song: Memories.  
Tom Costello and Chorus. (By special request).

8.28-9 p.m. Grand Opera.  
Don Giovanni—Overture (Mozart).  
State Opera Orchestra, Berlin conducted by Dr. Leo Blech.

Arias—La Gioconda—"Yes, Suicide" (Ponchielli).  
Arias—Norma—"Queen of Heaven, while thou art reigning" (Bellini).  
Gina Cigna (Soprano).  
Trio—Carmen—"Toreador's Song" (Bizet).

Recitativo Stracciarini (Baritone) A. Appoloni, E. Ticozzi and Chorus.  
Arias—Barber of Seville—"Largo al Factotum" (Rossini).  
Recitativo Stracciarini (Baritone).  
Duet—La Bohème—"Lovely Maid in the Moonlight" (Puccini).  
Rosetta Pampalini and Dino Vanelli.

9.30-10 p.m. From the Studio. A Pianoforte Recital by Harry Ore.  
1 Prelude and Fugue in B flat Major.  
2 Gavotte.  
3 Variations in F.  
4 First movement of Sonata No. 28.  
5 Impromptu in A.  
6 Soiree de Vienne—Schubert—Liszt.  
9.30 p.m. *Reuter* Press Bulletins, London 1 p.m. Stock and Commodity Quotations.

9.35-10 p.m. Musical Comedy.  
Vocal Gems—The Vagabond King.  
Vocal Gems—Lady Luck.  
Light Opera Company.  
Selection—Viktor and Her Hussar.  
Vocal Gems—The Love Parade.  
Vocal Gems—Sunny Side Up.  
Light Opera Company.  
10.30 p.m. *Reuter* Press Bulletins, Rugby Mid-day Press News, Further London Stock and Commodity Quotations.

10.11 p.m. Dance Music.  
11 p.m. Close Down.  
ZEESON PROGRAMMES.  
This Evening's Broadcasts From The German Short-Waves.  
Special programmes for Far Eastern listeners will be broadcast from Zeeson as follows.

SOUTH ASIA ZONE.  
South Asia Zone broadcast from DJB, (1274 metres and DJN (31.16 metres).  
4.45 p.m. DJB, DJN Announcement (Germ., Engl.) German Folk Song. Programme-Forecast (Germ., Engl.).

5 p.m. Music and Topical Events.  
5.30 p.m. News in English.  
5.45 p.m. "Music from Hamburg."  
6.45 p.m. News in German.  
7 p.m. Concert of Light Music.  
8 p.m. News in English.  
8.35 p.m. Close down DJB, DJN (Germ., Engl.).

EAST ASIA ZONE.  
East Asia Zone broadcast through DJA on 11.45 metres, and DJN (31.16 metres).  
9 p.m. DJA, DJN Announcement (Germ., Engl.) German Folk Song. Programme-Forecast (Germ., Engl.).  
9.15 p.m. This Far East, Vials and Gullies by Anton Steiner. Erik Moncke-Hoyer. Lothar Hiltelhoff. Kurt Gudius.  
9.45 p.m. News in English on DJA and in Dutch on DJN.  
10 p.m. "Twist Daytime and Dreaming." Speech and Song from Two Centuries. Manuscript. Friedrich Nebauer.  
11.15 p.m. News in German on DJA and in Dutch on DJN.  
11.30 p.m. Schubert's Miller Song. A Schenker Romance. Manuscript. H. Engelbrecht. Schwarz.  
12.15 a.m. News in English on DJA and in Dutch on DJN.  
12.30 a.m. Close down DJA, DJN (Germ., Engl.).

#### KZRM PROGRAMME

### This Evening's Broadcast From Manila Station

The following programme will be broadcast from Manila this evening by KZRM:  
5 p.m. Studio Musical Variety.  
5.30 p.m. Collier, A. S. President Jefferson.  
6.10 p.m. Spanish International Period.  
6.30 p.m. Spanish International Period.  
7 p.m. All Stars—Jack Parker, Harry Brewer and Rudy Wildoff.  
7.15 p.m. Tabernash's C. C. Programme.  
(Chorus 1220).  
7.30 p.m. Mo and Noah.

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7.35 p.m. Notices Role Programme (Chorus 1220).  
7.50 p.m. Moments—Lirico, conducted by Astolfo Carraro.  
8.15 p.m. Sheet Quotations.  
8 p.m. Opera Hour.  
10.30 p.m. Sign 02.



# HONGKONG-SHANGHAI INTERPORT DATES FIXED

## RECREIO'S QUEST FOR BADMINTON HONOURS

### LADIES' DOUBLES TITLE AT STAKE THIS WEEK

#### K. C. C. TO OFFER STERN CHALLENGE TO UNBEATEN TEAM

#### THURSDAY'S IMPORTANT MATCH

No little importance hinges on the result of next Thursday's ladies' doubles badminton league match between the Kowloon Cricket Club and Recreio "A", which will be played on the former's court.

A win for the Recreio will give them the championship, while success for the K.C.C. will give them an opportunity of finishing the programme on level terms with their Portuguese rivals, and with it the right of a deciding match for the honours.

As yet the Recreio have not suffered defeat, and their smashing victory over St. Andrew's last Friday is a sufficient guide to their present form. The Recreio have not big advantage over the K.C.C. They have three pairs each of whom are capable of winning the necessary average of two games in every match. On the other hand the Cricket Club are forced to rely solely on two couples to turn the balance in their favour. It is a big responsibility, and one which proved a little too much for them when they met the Recreio "A" earlier in the season.

#### MORE POWERFUL COMBINATION

Nevertheless the possibilities of the K.C.C. pulling off a win cannot be ignored. Alterations in the original combination of the pairs have tended to make them more powerful, and playing on their own court will give them a decided chance of snatching the necessary fifth game.

The Miss Griffiths-Miss Mackenzie combination has proved to be as strong as the Miss Griffiths-Miss Politi association, while the teaming of Mrs. Politi and Miss Bryson provides the team with a more capable second string.

It is a question of whether four advanced players can beat six rapidly improving players. If Miss Griffiths and Miss Mackenzie reproduce the form which they have shown in their last two encounters, they should, despite the undoubtedly strong opposition, win all three games. This will offset the three defeats which the K.C.C. must suffer through their third pair. Possibly the result of the match will hinge on the outcome of the game between the teams' respective No. 2 couples.

#### WHY RECREIO MAY WIN

On their performances to date, the Recreio will probably start favourites. They can not only point to a one hundred per cent. record, but a vastly superior average of games won and lost. The team does not boast a player of the standard of Miss Griffiths or Mrs. Politi, but it can point to three extremely well balanced pairs, and if any factor is going to decide in their favour on Thursday, it will be this.



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## Capt. A. V. Ednie Retains Golf Title

### Beats Major Francis At Last Hole

Captain A. V. Ednie, last year's Philippine Department golf champion, successfully defended his title by defeating Major John R. Francis in the finals of the Army tournament at the Wack Wack Golf and Country Club.

Capt. Ednie came up from behind and only succeeded in heading his opponent in the last few holes of the 36-hole match. He finished one up over Major Francis.

Major Francis loomed as the next Philippine Department champion after the first 18 holes played in the morning when he had the defending champion two down but, in the afternoon play, Captain Ednie played some of the best golf of his career. He succeeded in catching up with Major Francis and went ahead one up by taking the 36th hole. They tied the 36th hole, and Major Francis lost his chance of tying the count and making the match go an extra hole which might have resulted in his victory.

## "BUNNY" AUSTIN'S SISTER BECOMES TENNIS "PRO."

### Reached Wimbledon Final In 1923

The latest recruit to the Filinas or Lawn tennis professionals is Mrs. Joan Lycett, who, as Miss Joan Austin (sister of H. W. Austin, the British Davis Cup player), reached the final of the women's doubles championships at Wimbledon in 1923.

With her then was Miss Evelyn Colyer, and because of their youth and their similarity in height they became known as "The Bibles". Her brother inspired Mrs. Lycett to take this new step, but there was a tinge of regret at her decision when she spoke of her change of status.

"I have always regretted the tendency towards professionalism," she said, "and I have not played in any tournaments for two years because I thought the game bad. It had become too much of a business."

"When I was speaking to my brother recently regarding the question of having some occupation, he suggested that I should start a lawn tennis school."

"I jumped at the idea, particularly because I should like to train young players, and one of my first pupils will be my own daughter Sylvia, who is 8."



Mrs. Lycett and her daughter Sylvia.

## OXFORD UNIVERSITY LOSE AT RUGGER

London, Dec. 17. Oxford University were opposed to Trinity College, Dublin, at rugger to-day and were defeated by 3 points to nil.—*Reuter.*



George Cook, the veteran Australian, who was beaten by Jack Petersen, at the Albert Hall last night, when he was challenger for the British and Empire Heavy-weight titles.

A full report of the Petersen-Cook fight at the Albert Hall last night appears on Page 1.

## Petersen's Meteoric Rise

### RETAINS HEAVY-WEIGHT TITLES

Jack Petersen who successfully defended his British and Empire Heavy-weight titles against George Cook, the Australian veteran last night, was born at Cardiff, Wales, in 1912. His father was a talented boxer and once fought a drawn battle with J. Driscoll.

Educated at a public school Petersen was intended for a doctor's career, but, having learned the rudiments of self-defence from his father, he was fascinated by the idea of becoming a leading boxer. At the age of 17 he won a medal in a local boxing tournament and from that time, despite his father's disapproval, turned all his attention to the ring.

#### FIRST TITLE

In 1931 he won the British cruiser-weight championship from Goyder, the Police champion, and by February 1932 he had fought 16 contests without defeat. He made short work of Bandias, the Australian heavy-weight, and Power, heavy-weight champion of Wales, but his fight with C. Smith, who weighed 14 stone against Petersen's 12 stone 7 lbs., lasted for 13 rounds before Petersen took the k.o. blow.

After other victories Petersen gained the heavy-weight championship of Britain in 1932 and the Lonsdale Belt by knocking out Reggie Meen in two rounds. Meen was two stone heavier.

#### TOP OF POLL

The net results of the 1933 boxing programme in England left Petersen at the top of the poll. Petersen defeated John Pettifer the massive young London amateur on January 26, but it was not until the 12th round that he landed a punch which enabled him to retain his British Championship and the Lonsdale Belt.

It was during this year, owing to increasing weight, that Petersen relinquished his cruiser-weight title which was won by Len Harvey when he beat Jack McAvoy.

Earlier this year Petersen won the British Empire heavy-weight title when he gained the verdict against Larry Gains, the coloured Canadian, on a technical knock-out. Gay and handsome Petersen resembles Georges Carpentier in many respects. His youthful high spirits captivated men and women alike. A devout Roman Catholic and church worker he would walk miles before breakfast to attend Mass, yet when he gets into the ring he shows such tiger-like fury in delivering his terrific blows that he seems a totally different being.

## FREE STATE BEATEN

### Soccer Win For Hungary

Dublin, Dec. 17. In an International Soccer match to-day, Hungary defeated the Irish Free State by four goals to two.—*Reuter.*

## CANTON TENNIS

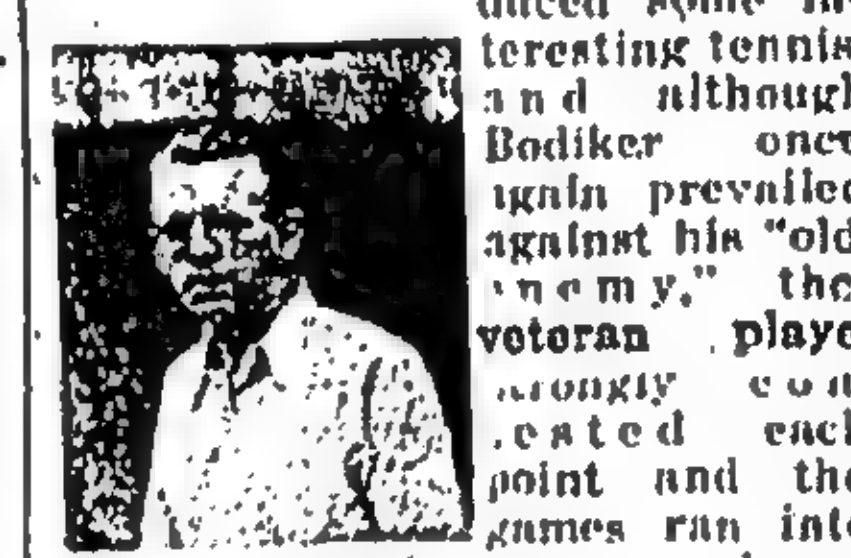
### GEORGE BODIKER WINS ANOTHER TITLE

Canton, Dec. 17

The finals of the Open Singles and Handicap Doubles of the Deutscher Garten Klub lawn tennis competitions were played on Saturday last. The latter were not completed, however, owing to the very even play throughout of the contestants C. A. Wright and H. von Esen against E. Dillner and H. Schneider.

The former couple owed 30 and Dillner and Schneider won the first set at 10-8. Wright and von Esen took the second set at 8-6, and the third set went to six-all before play was then stopped on account of the bad light. This set will be replayed. On the run of the play Dillner was the best of the four with Wright showing brilliant tennis at times.

The Singles match between G. Bodiker and C. E. Watson produced some interesting tennis, and although Bodiker once again prevailed against his "old enemy," the veteran player was not completely out of the game.



Bodiker. After a really good match, Bodiker won the title at 6-3, 8-6, 6-2.

After the matches, Frau Kanter presented the prizes, as follows:—

Open Singles, G. Bodiker; Runner-up—C. E. Watson.

Ladies Open Singles—Frau Kanter.

Men's Handicap Singles—Winner, H. D. Kurt; Runner-up, E. Dillner.

#### SHAMEEN CLUB

On Saturday the final of the Mixed Handicap Doubles of the Shameen Lawn Tennis Club was played and resulted in a win for Madame Laffond and P. R. S. Walsingham (owe 15-3) over Mrs. M. A. Annett and G. E. Hanford (owe 3) after a most exciting match. All four players were in good form, although Mrs. Annett started a little nervously. The winners were a much better balanced pair and this advantage told in the end.

Sunday afternoon saw the end of the Men's Open Doubles when G. Bodiker and C. E. Watson beat C. A. Wright and D. Monroe in three sets 6-2, 6-2, 6-3. Monroe was slightly off form but the others played really good tennis and the result was never in doubt.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

## GOLF "PROS." INCOMES

### Fifty Per Cent Living On Savings

There is an erroneous impression (wrote F. J. C. Pignou, in the *Daily Mail* recently) that golf professionals receive a handsome income. The fact is that fully 50 per cent. of the professional golfers of Britain are to-day living upon their savings.

The ordinary professional golfer—who must be very capable to hold his job in these days—is fortunate if he can make £300 a year, and some I know do not make half that.

The professional must remain at the club, perhaps with nothing to do, but he must be there. He must hold a stock of clubs and balls as well as other golfing goods, and employ a staff which he always has to pay out of his own pocket.

#### LESS THAN £100 A YEAR

I know that the average retainer paid by a club to its professional amounts to less than £100 a year, and in practically every instance his wages bill exceeds this.

Professional golfers would not be in the money bunker if all amateurs made most of their purchases of golf goods from their club professionals.

The only customers the club professional has are his own members. Yet I have known amateur golfers who not only do not support him but steal his profit.

There was a case at one club where it came to the notice of the committee that some members were combining together to purchase parcels of golf balls at wholesale prices and sell them to other members much more cheaply than the professional could.

## YOUNG INDIANS CLUB SUSPENSION

### ROUGH PLAY WARNING

The Interport soccer match between Shanghai and Hongkong has been fixed for February 4, and during their stay in the Colony the visitors will as is customary engage with the United Services and the Combined Chinese, the date for these games being February 6 and 9 respectively.

Trails will be held on January 13 and 27.

This announcement was made at yesterday's meeting of the Council of the Hongkong Football Association, Major C. M. Manners presiding.

The Council also dealt with the much debated withdrawal of the Young Indians by suspending the players and officials of the Club from further participation in local soccer for the rest of the season.

An item regarding gate receipts was brought up for discussion during consideration of the Interport Programme. The Chairman stated that it was the intention of the Association to give ten per cent. of the gross receipts, less incidental expenses, in the Interport matches to the clubs on whose grounds the matches were played. The Hongkong Football Club, however, had asked the Association for a certain number of seats for the Interport, and also suggested that they be given ten per cent. of the gross receipts.

Mr. W. Pryde, representing the Hongkong F.C., stated that the Committee of his Club desired most of all to have a certain number of seats allotted to them for the match against Shanghai, which had been arranged to be played on the Club ground. The second part—ten per cent. of the gross receipts—was only a suggestion.

A vote was taken in the matter and resulted in the decision to give the Club ten per cent. of the gross gate receipts and not 330 seats as was suggested.

After a report of the League Management Committee was read, it was decided to adopt their recommendation that the points of the match between the Club de Recreio and the Railway, should be awarded to the Recreio who were leading by 5-2 when the game was abandoned by the referee.

#### THE YOUNG INDIANS

Regarding the matter of the Young Indians, the League Management Committee recommended that the players and officials of this Club be suspended from participation in League football for the rest of the season for failing to carry on their programme. This recommendation was adopted.

It was further stated regarding this matter that the Radio Sports Club would be asked not to play A. J. Hussain, a member of the Young Indians team.

The Chairman announced that a circular was now being drafted drawing the attention of Clubs to the rough play that now prevailed in League games and warning them that this type of play must cease.

In the Sunday Herald Cup Competition, the match between Portugal and Wales, which was to be played

on Christmas Day, was fixed for Boxing Day. The match between China and England will be played on the same day. The Portugal-Wales match will take place on the Kowloon ground, and the other match on the Club ground.

The selection of the Welsh team was left to the Royal Welch Fusiliers; the Portuguese team to Mr. Barnes; the English to a Sub-Committee consisting of Capt. Williams, Commr. Whitaker, Major Manners and Mr. T. G. Stokes; and the Chinese team to the Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation.

Scotland has not entered for the competition this year.

#### INTERESTING GAME

An interesting game will be played on January 1 when the Island will play the Mainland. Messrs. W. Pryde, Wong Ka-tsun and Capt. Fleetwood were appointed to select the Hongkong team, and Messrs. R. Hall, Woodward and Capt. Williams to select the Mainland representatives. The proceeds of the game will be devoted to charity.

A suggestion that charity games among the Chinese, Army, and Navy be organised was held over until the next meeting of the Council. In the meantime, the Secretary was asked to circular the suggestion to members of the Council so that they would be able to put forward their opinions.

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J. J. King 89-16=73  
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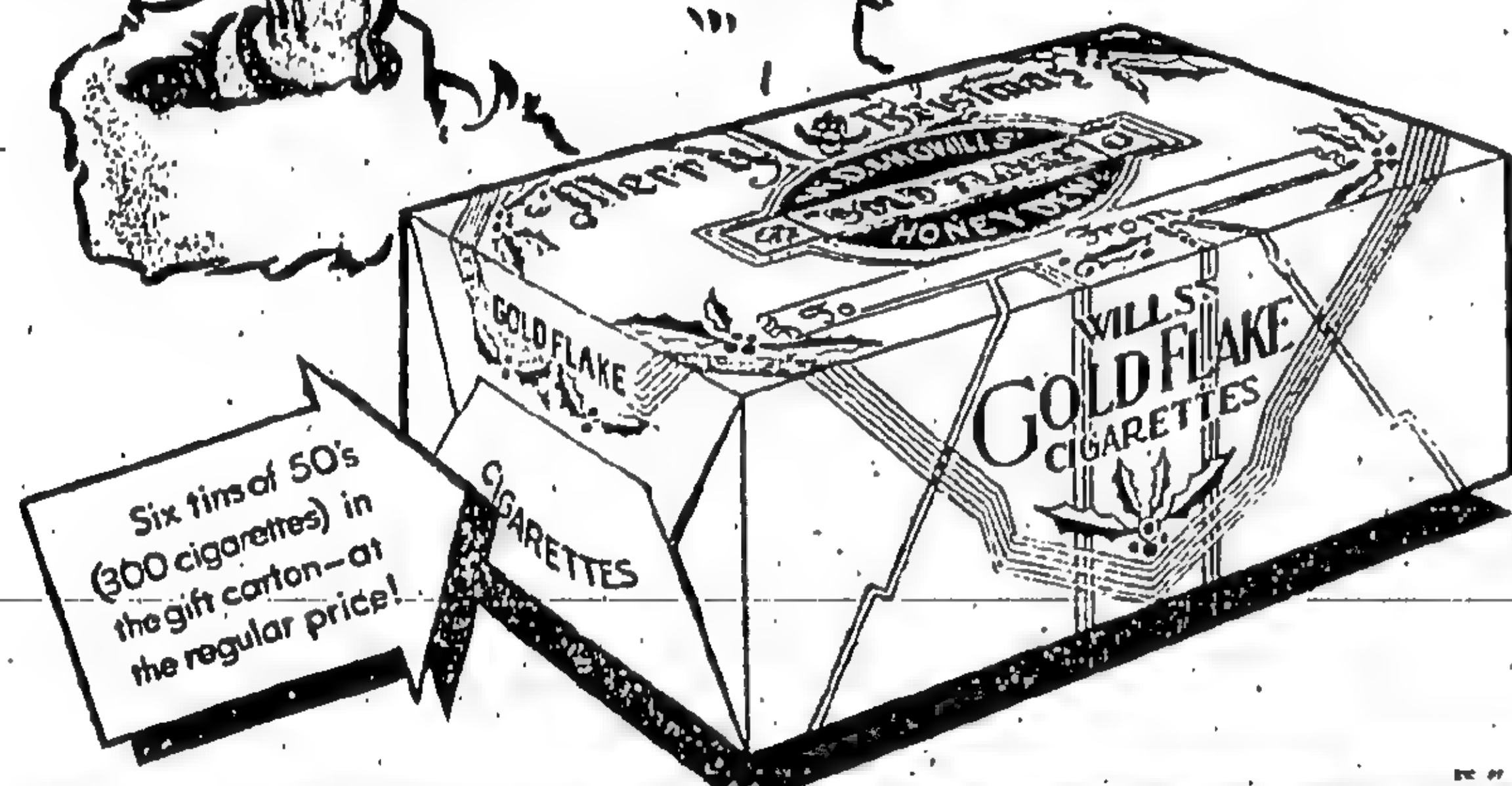
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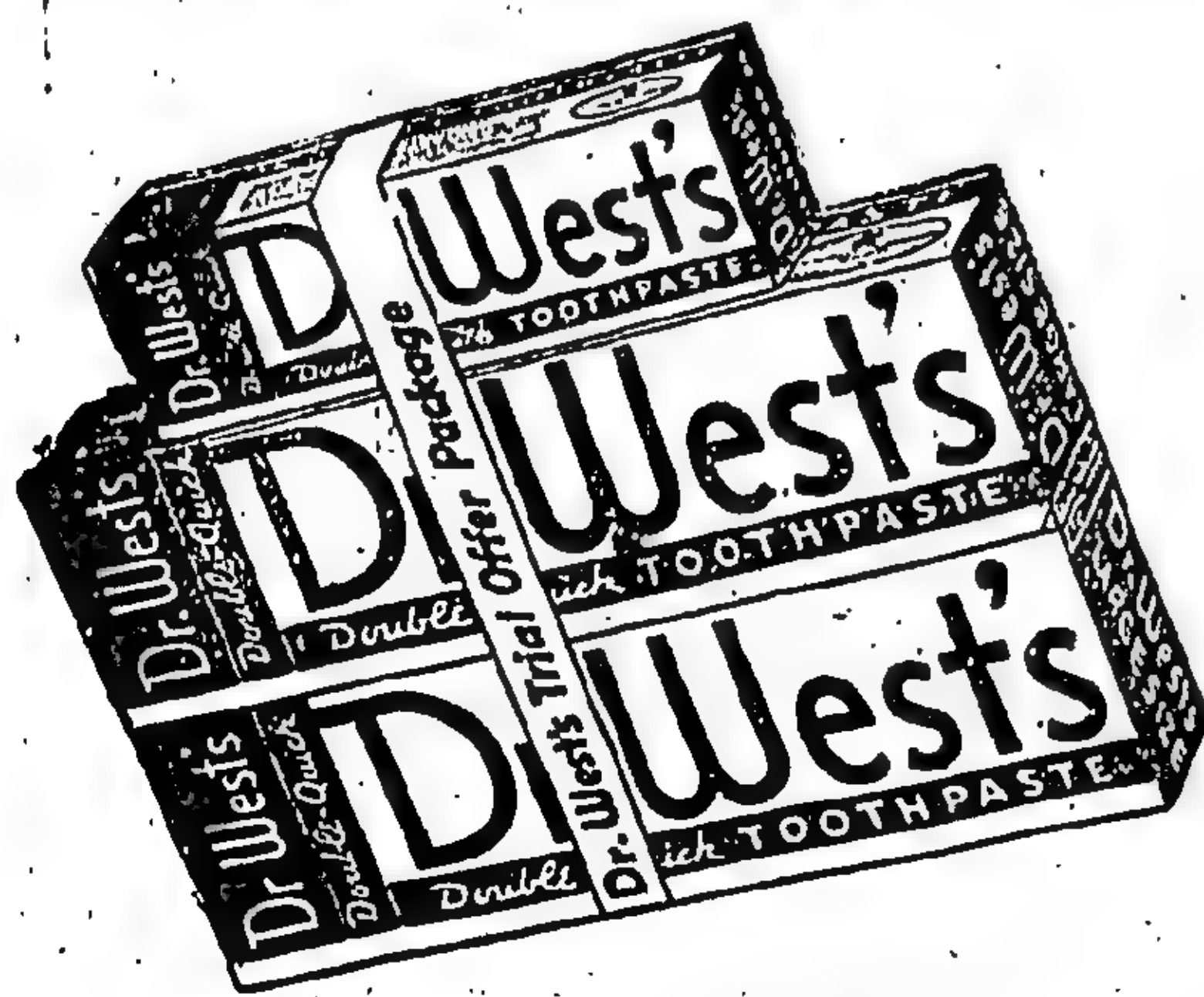


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## SUICIDE VERDICT

### MELANCHOLIC POEMS AT SERGT. BAKER'S INQUEST

The facts that he was financially embarrassed and had borrowed money from an Indian money-lender were disclosed yesterday at the inquest on Lance Sergeant L. V. Baker, who died from the effects of a gunshot wound in the head on the night of November 5 in his quarters at the Central Police Station. Poems amongst his personal effects were also found, bordering on the melancholy.

A witness, Lance Sergeant H. G. Baker, yesterday told the Coroner (Mr. Schofield) he saw L. V. Baker at 11.20 that night at a moment when they were entering the compound of the Central Police Station, and L. V. Baker had then appeared to him to be normal.

Twenty minutes later, witness was informed by Inspector Mist, the officer on duty at the Station, that Baker had shot himself. Witness entered the room and found L. V. Baker lying across his bed, with his head resting on a camphor wood box and blood spurting from his mouth.

Lance Sergeant Soutar, a personal friend of Baker, said that in May of last year Baker went to him and produced a letter from a firm of solicitors requesting payment of a sum of \$750 which Baker had borrowed from an Indian money-lender. Baker asked witness if he could help him in the matter, and witness agreeing, gave him \$300 which Baker said would cover his debts up to that date. Baker agreed to pay witness by monthly instalments, and up to October of that year refunded a total of \$350, after which he stopped.

The Coroner: Any reason you can suggest for his stopping further payment?

Witness: No, I never pressed, but left it entirely to him.

Witness saw Baker only four times since that date.

Poems Found  
Crown Sgt. D. E. Macdonald, in charge of the Upper Levels Police Station, gave evidence as to Baker's hours of duty, and stated that Baker was in good spirits when he last saw him.

Sergeant C. H. Goodwin, who had charge of the inquiries, deposed to finding the body. At the post-mortuary he searched the body and found 30 cents in money and a metal wrist watch which Baker had been wearing. Witness found the revolver lanyard in the right trousers pocket, and the revolver holster on his belt.

On November 6, witness searched Baker's personal effects but found no money except for 40 cents Singapore money; also a bill of the Asia Provisional Company, 63-65 Des Voeux Road Centre, for \$384.10 for goods supplied monthly from February to August, 1934, inclusive, while the deceased was at Tai O Station. The bill was the accumulation of seven months' bills. Witness made other enquiries and found Baker's debts amounted to \$1,200.

Amongst Baker's personal effects were a number of poems, written and type-written, all bordering on the melancholy.

Temperamental  
As far as the witness knew, Baker was temperamental. At times he was highly elated and at times he would hardly speak. He was very fond of dancing and frequented the dancing academies.

Asked by the Coroner if there were any other important details, Sgt. Goodwin replied that Baker had a debt of \$175 owing to the No. 1 Boy at the Yaumatei Police Station. In September last year he borrowed in all \$250 from the boy. At the end of September this year he paid back \$25 and a further \$50 at the end of October, leaving a balance of \$175.

Many of the letters found were written but not sent. A. Summing up, his Worship said that the evidence, both medical and circumstances, pointed clearly to suicide. The evidence of the two Chinese dancing partners was important, as one had stated the deceased announced his intention to shoot himself and the other had testified he was too drunk to dance properly.

Too much drink, continued the Coroner, may have had the effect of Baker losing control over the melancholic tendency of his mind.

The Jury (comprising Mr. R. V. Dodd, foreman; Mr. A. R. Tavares and Mr. Shing Fu-lam) returned a verdict that Baker shot himself while of unsound mind.

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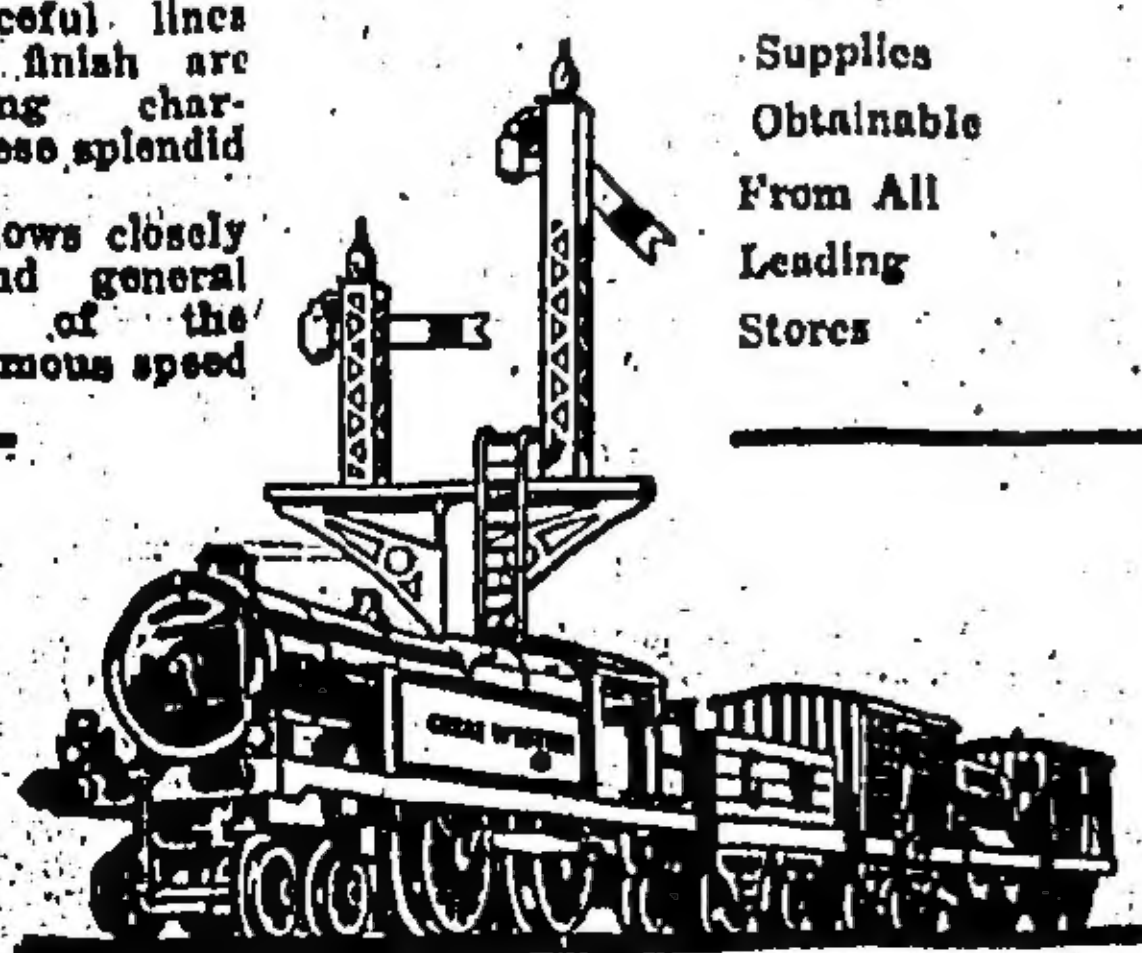
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### SINO-BRITISH AMITY EXTOLLED

London, Dec. 17.

At the China Association banquet to-day, Mr. Quo Tai-chi, Chinese Minister at London, in replying to the President of the Association, Sir George MacDonogh, suggested that the Association could chiefly promote Anglo-Chinese relations by inspiring British public to a better understanding of China by education on the reconstruction work she was accomplishing.

Mr. Quo emphasised that a strong China was the greatest factor for world peace; and that Chinese markets were the most potent for developing world trade. He was fully aware that there were some arrears in existing contracts but the Chinese record of meeting foreign obligations compared more than favourably with some countries.

Mr. Quo also stressed the dependability of trade with China. He quoted many appreciations received from China of Sir Alexander Cadogan's many-sided activities and his understanding of the people.

Numerous Chinese financial, judicial, transport and aviation missions had been to England this year, and Mr. Quo believed that they had strengthened the links of the traditional Anglo-Chinese friendship.

China's full development depended on the political security and stability of the Far East, said Mr. Quo. He urged British and American statesmen to combine, as at Washington in 1922, to maintain the vital principles crystallized in the Nine-Power Treaty.

A strong and prosperous China is as surely a British interest as a world interest, Mr. Quo declared.—*Reuter.*

### BEING WELL TREATED

### HAYMAN AND BOSSHARD IN BANDITS' HANDS

Peiping, Dec. 17.

The British Consul in Changsha has received a letter from Mr. Hayman of the China Inland Mission, written on December 7 from Tanyung, stating that Mr. Bosshard and himself are being reasonably well treated by the bandits.

It will be recalled that Hayman and Bosshard were among a party of missionaries kidnapped by Kweichow bandits a few months ago. Two women in the party were released to carry the ransom demands to the authorities, and the third, Miss Emblem, was released after undergoing many hardships.—*Reuter.*



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### BRITISH COUPLE KILLED IN CAR ACCIDENT

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Apparently the couple were returning home after midnight and mistook a turning in the road owing to the fog.

They headed straight for the Bund and their car, a closed Ford, leaped into the river.

The car was found this morning at a depth of 15 feet. The body of Tipper was recovered, but no trace of Miss Crookshank has been found.

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## SERIAL STORY

### The Clue Of The Forgotten Murder:

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#### CHAPTER XXXVI

The girl did not look up as Fisher went on speaking. "I want the truth," he said. "I want the whole truth. I want it told without any attempt to spare yourself and I may say further that these gentlemen also want the truth. They, too, are interested in the case and they will be witnesses to every word that you say. If you depart from the truth in the slightest degree I shall see that you are prosecuted and these gentlemen will see that you are prosecuted."

He turned to Bleeker. "That is right, gentlemen?" he asked. Bleeker nodded.

The lawyer turned back to the girl with the laughing fury of a pouncing cat returning to the attack upon a crippled mouse.

"Tell us," he said, "what happened?"

The girl's voice was weak and low-pitched, but came steadily. The words were uttered with tense, nervous rapidity.

"I told the police the truth about one thing," she said. "It was a pick-up, I don't want you to think that I'm the type of girl who falls for a pick-up. I don't ordinarily, but this was exceptional. I don't know how it happened."

"It happened there at the hotel," the man was registered as Mr. Cathay. "I didn't know at the time who he was, or even whether he was staying at the hotel. It started as an accident. I brushed against him in the elevator when the cage gave an unexpected start. I apologized, but one of those routine 'pardon me's' he said. 'Not at all,' and his fingers closed for a moment about my arm."

"I don't know what it was about the physical contact that thrilled me. It was something. Then his voice had something to do with it. He had a beautiful voice."

"I got off at my floor and he got off at the same floor. I think he was trying to pick me up. I thought so at the time, but I'm free, white and 21, and after all, I didn't see any reason why I should pursue the acquaintance a little further if I wanted to. I didn't want to. I didn't give him even a glance as I went into my room, and closed and locked the door. I got the number of my room and, of course, found out who I was."

"Then later on, in the lobby before dinner, I saw him again. He didn't seem at all free. He didn't seem inclined to take undue advantage of what had happened, but I could see that he was lonely. Apparently he didn't know what to do with himself. He'd read for a while and then he'd take a cigarette and then he'd throw the cigarette away and pace around the lobby a little bit. I was reading a magazine. I lived there in the hotel, you know. I presume that's the way you located me."

"I let him catch my eye finally, and gave him just the faintest suggestion

of a smile. He came over and we got to talking. He seemed a very nice fellow. The more I talked with him, the more I liked him. I was lonely myself. I'd been going with a steady and he'd stepped out on me. I was on the loose. This man suggested dinner. I sat with him there at the hotel. Then he suggested a ride. He said he had a car parked near the hotel."

"He didn't seem to know much about the town. After a while we stopped at a place and had something to drink. He wanted to take a bottle with him but I was a little bit nervous about getting in an automobile with a new acquaintance and a bottle of whisky, so I talked him out of it. We talked about going to a dance and then he spoke of an appointment that he had—something about a concert. He wanted to go to the next thing I knew the car was back to the hotel when the officer stopped us because of some traffic violation. The officer smelled booze on the man's breath and then the man started talking back to the officer and the next thing I knew the car was climbing on the runningboard and told us to drive him to police headquarters. He said we were going to be interrogated about some stick-ups of service stations."

"Right away I had visions of my picture being in the paper, and I whispered to this man, 'Remember I'm a hitch-hiker pick-up. You don't even know my name.'"

"She paused for a moment and stared pathetically at the attorney, as though begging him with her eyes to believe her."

Fisher, however, remained stern-visaged, and uncompromising. "Tell it all," he said. "Every bit of it."

"That's all," she said. "You know the rest."

Fisher shook his head impatiently. "This man had given you a name," he said, "when you met him?"

"Of course," she said. "What was that name?"

"Frank B. Cathay," he said. "Did he tell you he was from 'Riverview'?"

"Did you know he cashed a cheque?"

"Only a small cheque. I think it was a \$50 cheque. He got some money before we went."

"And that's all?" asked Fisher.

"That's all," she said. Fisher turned to Griff, then looked at Bleeker.

"Satisfied?" he asked.

"Neither am I," said Fisher. Fisher's whole face was set to the attack. "Immediately after that," he said, "you left the hotel. You came here. You registered under the name of Stella Mockley."

"Yes," she said. "Why did you do that?"

"I didn't want to be traced," she said. "It wasn't your name," Fisher said.

"Your real name was the one that you were registered under at the hotel, Edith Nevins. The name, Mary Briggs, that you gave the police was merely an alias you thought up on the spur of the moment. The name Stella Mockley, that you assumed when you came to this hotel, was also an alias."

"And your new-found friend," he said, "was the one who paid the bill?"

"No," she said. "I did it myself."

"Don't lie to me," thundered Fisher. "I've told you what's going to happen if you lie. I am telling you that the man who posed as Frank B. Cathay is the one who footed the bill."

She lowered her eyes and regarded the tip of her shoe.

"Is it a fact?" Fisher insisted, his forefinger once more pointing at the girl's face.

"Yes," she said in a low voice. "Ah," he said. "Now we're getting somewhere."

She said nothing, but there was a little shiver that rippled her shoulders.

Fisher sneered. "You would want to stop there," he said. "You would want us to believe that was all. Now go ahead and tell us all of it. Tell us the sordid part of it. Don't try to spare yourself, or if you do, to help me heaven, I'll have you in a cell before another hour has passed."

"You know the rest," she said in a whispering manner.

"Go ahead," he said. "Tell it to me. I will guarantee the rest or I may know it. That's neither here nor there. You tell me."

"He put me in this hotel," she said. "He told me that it had been just a prank, that he had a wife and that he couldn't afford to have me interviewed by the newspapers. Then after the newspapers came out I knew that he wasn't Cathay at all. The newspapers said he was a pick-pocket."

"You discussed that matter with him?"

"Of course."

"What did he say?"

"He said that the impersonation was entirely innocent," she said, "that he was trying to help a man get a good position. That this person had to have first-class references from Mr. Cathay and it was necessary for Mr. Cathay to sign some sort of bond."

"He said that Cathay wouldn't do it. He would give references but he wouldn't give the kind of references that were required, and he wouldn't sign the bond."

"So this man was impersonating Cathay and was going to see that his friend got the job?"

"Yes."

"Who was his friend?"

"I don't know. It was someone he called Frank."

(To Be Continued.)

Fisher makes a threat in the next instalment—and Stella remembers an address.

#### CINEMA NEWS

##### NOTES FROM THE THEATRES

One of the most unusual pictures of the season, bringing with it all the uncanny mystery and horror of "Frankenstein" and "Dracula," plus the added thrills supplied by those two creators of eerie roles, Karloff and Bela Lugosi, has been announced for showing at the King's Theatre on Wednesday. It's Universal's master thriller, "The Black Cat," suggested from a story by Edgar Allan Poe. If you can imagine the monster of "Frankenstein" together on the screen for the first time, it will give you an idea what thrills and chills are in store for you. Never before has such a daring photoplay been attempted, bringing together the screen's two great portrayals of horror roles, Karloff and Lugosi. An expectancy of something new and different long desired by film patrons is justly promised. David Manners and Jacqueline Wells head the romantic leads, with Egon Brocher and Lucille Lund comprising but part of a great supporting cast.

"Uncertain Lady"

When a wife is faced with uncertainty about her husband, what should she do? The unusual method found by Genevieve Tobin of dealing with this situation in "Uncertain Lady," the next new and exciting picture, is both new and unusual. According to Genevieve's plan, when she discovers her husband is philandering with another woman, she makes no scene whatsoever. On the contrary, she very charmingly invites the hubby and the "other woman" to her office, and being a business woman herself, outlines a strictly business proposition to her competitor. The details of this astounding proposition provide one of the most hilarious situations yet devised in a motion picture. The existing domestic scene is soon complicated by the appearance of several ardent admirers of the wife, who in her bewilderment becomes a most uncertain lady. The picture, directed by Karl Freund from the play by Harry Segall, "The Behaviour of Mrs. Crane," has a cast headed by Genevieve Tobin and Edward Everett Horton, while Renee Gadd, Paul Cavanaugh, Mary

Nash, George Meeker, Dorothy Peterson and Herbert Corbell.

"Little Caesar"

"Little Caesar," the new First National picture now playing at the Alhambra Theatre gives a startlingly realistic impression of gangsters, from the lowest "rat," or petty thief, up to the "Big Boy," or head of the gang. The picture shows vividly the various social strata within crookdom. The petty thieves and pick-pockets are seen in cheap rooming houses in the foreign quarter of a large city, while the big racketeers live a life of luxury in not security, in the swankiest residential sections. The story deals with the rise of a gangster named Rico, played by Edward G. Robinson, from the level of a thug to a position as head of a powerful gang. Director Mervyn LeRoy is said to have put technical details and realistic touches in the picture that make it the most authentic of the kind ever filmed.

"100% Pure"

Eddie Chapman was determined to marry a millionaire and to remain a lady. And Jean Harlow, as Eddie, accompanied his mission in the new Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer picture, "100% Pure," now showing at the Queen's Theatre. As Eddie, Miss Harlow gives one of her finest performances in a role that is admirably suited to her talents. The deft manner in which she takes care of the characterization is very reminiscent of those earlier successes that brought her stardom—"Hold Your Man" and "Red Dust." This time Miss Harlow is teamed with Franchot Tone, who appears as the son of Lionel Barrymore, the very wealthy T. R. Paige, whose political appointment is almost upset by Eddie Chapman's campaign. Lewis Stone gives his usual great performance as Eddie's father, a millionaire bachelor. Jack Conway, who filmed the epic "Viva Villa!" was the director. The supporting cast includes Nat Pendleton, Clara Blandick, Patsy Kelly, Henry Kolker, and Alan Mowbray.

"Love Time"

"Pat" Peterson, the girl who started at the top! Most young actresses, on their arrival in Hollywood, are treated to a "course of apostles," supporting roles in the least degree of importance. Almost always, Miss Peterson had had time to unpack her trunks following her arrival from London, she was placed in the principal feminine role of "Bottoms Up," with Spencer Tracy, John Bolles and Herbert Mundin. Next she headed the cast of "Call It Luck," with Mundin and Charles Starrett. And

now she's at the top of the list of players in "Love Time," one of Fox Film's most ambitious productions, which is now showing at the King's Theatre. Others in the cast include Nils Asther, Herbert Mundin, Henry Kolker, Henry B. Walthall, Herman Bing, Lucien Littlefield, Harry Green and dozen others. Two years ago a film producer heard Miss Peterson's voice on the radio and she was drafted for the British screen, appearing in six productions before she answered the Hollywood call.

#### ACCIDENTAL DEATH

##### INQUIRY CONCLUDED AT KOWLOON YESTERDAY

A verdict of accidental death was returned by the jury at Kowloon yesterday, when the inquiry into the death of Chan Shieh-chung, a 70-year-old woman, conducted by Mr. J. H. B. Lee, was concluded. The woman succumbed to injuries after a fall.

The jury comprised Messrs. T. C. Fairburn (Foreman), H. M. Campos and P. M. da Silva, Jr.

Lai Fook, a vegetable hawker, stated that on October 27, he saw a man named "Tao Pei Chai" quarrelling with the deceased. Some onlookers attempted to intervene. Since that day witness did not see the woman again. On the same day, the younger woman, Leung Sung, accompanied the police to the stall and arrested the wrong man. Witness had not seen "Tao Pei Chai" since that day. Witness did not see the actual pushing, but saw the woman getting up from the ground.

Ho Kuen, a street cooler, stated that when he first saw the deceased she was bargaining with Ho Wong at the Wing Tung Hing vegetable stall. The woman went to another stall and after a while came back again. She bargained again but did not buy anything. Witness saw Ho Wong push the woman away, she fell on her back and her head struck the ground lightly. When she got up she was furious and wanted to strike Ho Wong.

Further evidence was given by Mak Lok, a Chinese detective. He stated that the deceased did not speak after she had been sent to the hospital. Witness had made a search for "Tao Pei Chai" but could not find him. The foreman of the jury in return, giving his verdict said: "We find that the deceased's death was due to a push received from Ho Wong. Taking into consideration the age of the deceased, we return a verdict of accidental death. We also find that the push was not deliberate."

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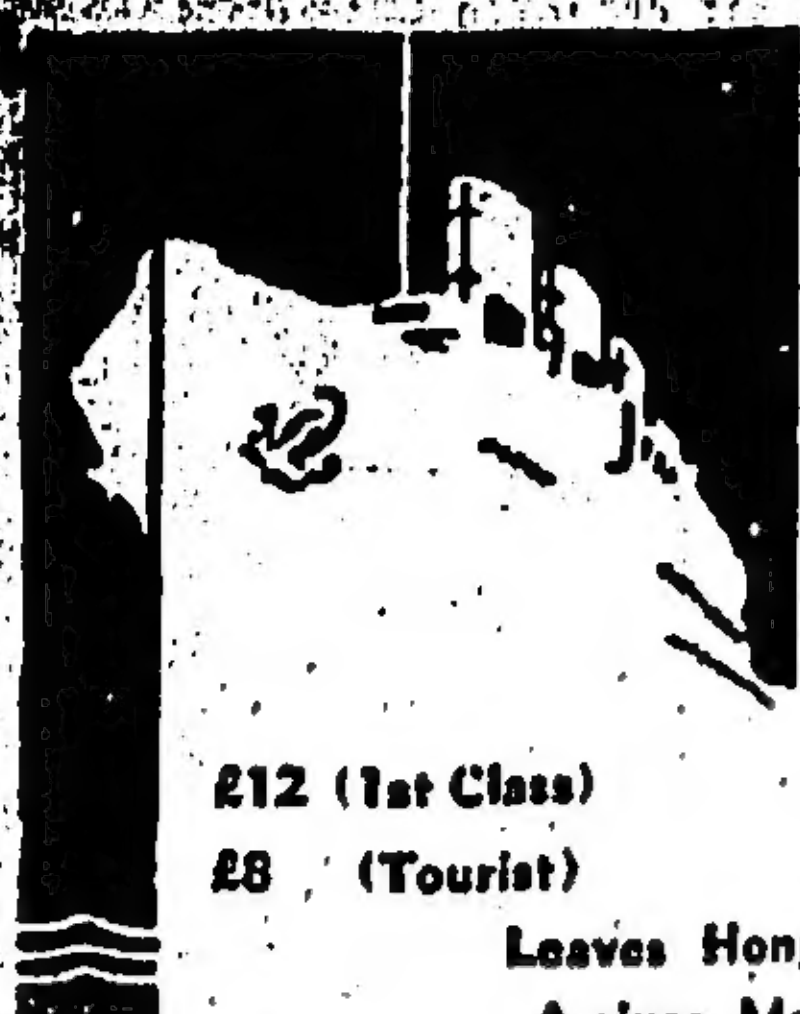
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Emp. of Japan	Jan. 20	Jan. 22	Jan. 24	Feb. 3	Feb. 5	Feb. 11	Feb. 16
Emp. of Asia	Feb. 13	Feb. 15	Feb. 17	Feb. 19	Feb. 21		Mar. 2
Emp. of Canada	Feb. 26	Feb. 28		Mar. 3	Mar. 5	Mar. 12	Mar. 17
Emp. of Russia	Mar. 2	Mar. 10	Mar. 12				Mar. 22
Emp. of Japan	Mar. 29	Mar. 31	Apr. 2	Mar. 27	Mar. 29	Apr. 4	Apr. 11
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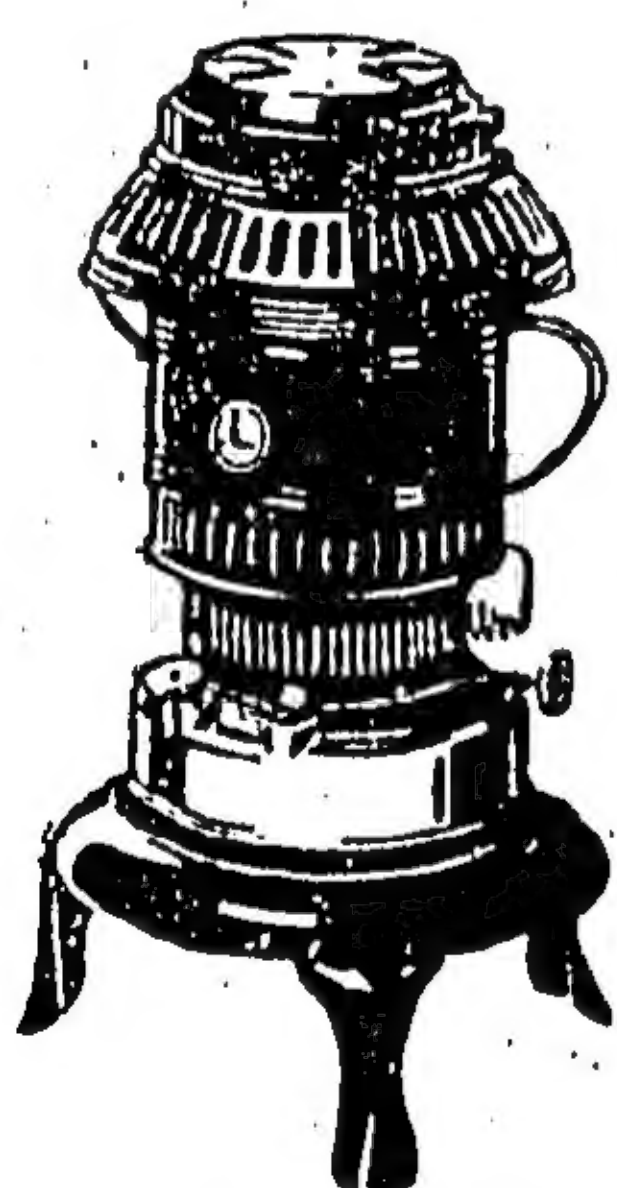
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### CHINESE ARMY RECRUITERS

#### POSSESSION OF AMMUNITION

Two men, described as military recruiters, were brought before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning. They were Cheung Chi-ye, aged 23, and Wong Yung-shing, aged 30. The first defendant was charged with having in his possession 100 rounds of ammunition, on board the steamer Daviken on December 16, without a licence, while the second defendant was charged with having control of the ammunition.

Both defendants admitted the charges and stated that they were military recruiters, and were just passing through the Colony on their way to Swatow.

It was stated by Detective-Sergeant Davies that the ammunition was found in a coat pocket, which was hanging up in the defendants' cabin.

The Magistrate: I don't think they meant to commit any offence. I shall fine you \$1 each, and send you to Swatow.

An order was made for the confiscation of the ammunition.

### MARINE COURT

#### COXSAIN'S FIFTH OFFENCE

Presiding over the Marine Court this morning, the Hon. Commander G.F. Hole imposed a fine of \$50, or, in default, two months' imprisonment, on Tang Kwong, coxswain of the motor boat Wo Sang, who pleaded guilty to a charge of unlawfully making fast his boat to the steamer Tamsa Maru while she was under way in the harbour at 7.15 p.m. yesterday.

Sergeant Robinson said defendant went alongside to allow hotel runners to board the vessel.

The defendant had four previous convictions, one being a fine of \$30 for a similar offence.

Chan Tin and Chan Kwong, the masters of two cargo boats, were each fined \$5, or five days' imprisonment, for failing to take out licences for their boats.

### WEST AUSTRALIA SEEKS FREEDOM

#### PETITION BEFORE PARLIAMENT

#### NO DESIRE TO LEAVE EMPIRE

London, Dec. 17. A petition on behalf of the Government, Parliament and people of the State of Western Australia, for leave to withdraw from the Australian Federation, and for restoration of their former status as a separate self-governing Colony within the British Empire was to-day presented in both Houses of Parliament.

As presented in the House of Commons the petition consists of a scroll 26 feet long, encased in a handsome polished jarrah casket. It was deposited in a petition bag behind the Speaker's chair and will be examined in due course by the Public Petitions Committee.

In the House of Lords, the Marquis of Aberdeen, in presenting the petition, said the right of petitioning the Crown was a fundamental principle of the Constitution, and it was in order to afford the State of Western Australia facilities for availing themselves of this right that he presented the petition.

Lord Halsbury, on behalf of the Government, said Lord Aberdeen's statement seemed to raise matters of grave constitutional importance, having regard to the relationship between the Dominions and this country at present in operation. The position in relation to this question was not one they could hastily determine. In these circumstances, before the petition was received he asked for an opportunity of considering the issues involved, and of perhaps tendering advice to the House as to the most convenient way of dealing with them when it reassembled at the end of next month.

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### RADIATOR CAP THEFT

#### FOUR MEN CHARGED IN COURT

Four Chinese, two of whom were unlicensed hawkers, who were involved in the theft of a radiator cap from car No. 2578, the property of Mr. Shewan, of the Public Works Department, were given prison terms when they pleaded guilty before Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones in the Central Police Court this morning.

Fong Lau, unemployed, was charged with stealing, while Chan Wah-kee, Fung Kwan, both unlicensed hawkers, and an unemployed man, Liu Fuk, were charged with aiding and abetting.

Detective-Sergeant Fowle, for the prosecution, said the car was parked in Hospital Road between 7.30 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Sunday. Yesterday morning the fourth defendant was seen by detectives squatting in Hollywood Road and had the appearance of waiting for someone. When questioned, he volunteered the statement that he knew a man who had stolen a radiator cap. The third and second defendants also came along after a short while. The first defendant was later found. The radiator cap was discovered in a hole in the stairway of No. 1 Cheung Hing Street. Apparently the defendants were going to share the proceeds of the article, which would be about 50 cents.

Fong Lau was sentenced to three months' hard labour, while the other three defendants, who all admitted previous convictions, were sent to prison for three weeks each.

### DOLLAR DROPS A FARTHING

#### BUT LOCAL MARKET STEADY

The Hongkong dollar declined a farthing to-day to 1s. 8 1/4d., reflecting the fall of silver prices in London. The local market is, however, steady, with inter-bank business done at 1s. 8 1/4d. buyers.

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